



## Faughart Community National School

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# Homework Policy

## Introduction

Homework is part of the continuous learning process at Faughart CNS.

This policy details reasons for homework, types of homework that may be given to pupils at different stages, recommendations on time to be spent on homework, advice on conditions that should be available to the child for doing homework and what to do if problems arise.

## Aims of this Policy

Through the development and implementation of this Homework Policy, Faughart CNS aims to help all those involved in our school community to develop positive and responsible attitudes to homework and to further develop an educational partnership between home and school.

## Reasons for Homework

The basic objectives of assigning homework to pupils at Faughart CNS are the same as schooling in general:

- To increase the knowledge and improve the abilities and skills of pupils
- To prepare pupils for upcoming (or complex or difficult) lessons
- To extend what they know by having them apply it to new situations
- To integrate their abilities by applying different skills to a single task
- Homework also provides an opportunity for parents to participate in their children's education
- Homework is designed to reinforce what students have already learned

Homework also enables the teachers at Faughart CNS to:

- Monitor pupil progress with a view to improving standards
- Provide pupils and parents with clear and relevant feedback
- Suggest strategies for improvement and goals to be achieved
- Seek extra resources to support those pupils in need of additional support or additional challenge

## Types of Homework that may be given at Faughart CNS

As homework is related to school work it is part of a carefully devised learning programme. It will usually consist of a combination of reading, writing and oral work. Oral work may include tasks such as learning tables and learning spellings. Written work may include work from a variety of subjects such as language, mathematics, history/geography and religion. The type and amount of homework given will vary depending on which class the child is in.



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### Homework using the Internet

Teachers in the school may choose to use a number of online tools to facilitate pupils learning from home. Examples include Read Theory, Faughart CNS Typing Club, Khan Academy, Quizlet, Freckle, Office 365. Rules for online conduct are detailed in the Acceptable Use Policy, which is a document to ensure that pupils will benefit from the learning opportunities offered by the school's internet resources in a safe and effective manner.

If your child regularly tells you that he/she has no homework please check his/her homework journal or the school Aladdin App Homework Tab in the first place. As homework is compulsory, pupils not presenting homework will be referred to the school's Code of Behaviour and sanction will be given based on this Code. Homework will be given on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from September – June each year. This leaves the weekend free for family activities. Written homework will be reduced in June.

### Recommendations on time to be spent on Homework at Faughart CNS

Faughart CNS expect that pupils will spend the following approximate amount of time on homework:

Class	Junior Infants	Senior Infants	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	4 <sup>th</sup> Class	5 <sup>th</sup> Class	6 <sup>th</sup> Class
<b>Recommended time for Homework</b>	10 – 15 minutes	15 – 20 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes

### Advice on conditions that should be available to pupils for doing Homework

We ask parents/guardians to support our Homework Policy as follows:

- Establish a set routine for their son/daughter to do his/her homework in a quiet place, free from distractions
- Supervise children's homework, checking it and signing it on completion by the child
- Help, support and encourage the child but not do the homework for him/her
- Check for any notes from school in the child's homework diary or in the Aladdin App.
- Supplement their children's learning at home by using library books, activity books, puzzle books, art materials, board games, educational computer apps and other educational resources to support their child's learning and development
- Encourage children to read for pleasure every day
- Read to younger children every day
- Inform the class teacher of any problems arising in the completion of homework as soon as possible.



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### **What to do when problems arise with Homework**

If your son/daughter is regularly taking more than the recommended time for homework as set out in section 5 of this policy, we advise you arrange a meeting with the class teacher to discuss further.

If for some practical reason, homework cannot be completed on a particular night, **please message the teacher directly on Aladdin App.**

### **Accessing copies of the school's Homework Policy**

A copy of the school's Homework Policy will be available to download on the school's website [www.faughartcns.ie](http://www.faughartcns.ie). A hard copy of this policy will also be available on request from the school's main office.

### **Monitoring and Review of this Policy #**

This policy will be reviewed every two years, or earlier, where deemed necessary or as required by legislation or Department of Education and Skills Circular.