



HOMEWORK POLICY

Aim:

The aim of this policy is to clarify for pupils, teachers and parents the school's expectations regarding homework.

Homework and the Revised Curriculum:

The Revised Primary School Curriculum has a strong emphasis on oral activities. We believe that oral homework should be considered as important as, if not more important than written work. This policy was reviewed in October 2014.

Homework journal:

- Homework will always be well prepared at school
- Homework will be written daily in children's homework journals
- Homework journal is a means of communication between parent and teacher
- It also provides a record of forgotten books or undone work

The purpose of homework:

- Enables revision, reinforcement and consolidation of work done at school
- Promotes independent study skills and develops a sense of independence and responsibility
- Encourages organisational skills
- Allows parents the opportunity to keep in touch with their daughters' schoolwork and progress

Time spent on homework:

Pupils generally have homework from Monday to Thursday, with none given on Fridays or on special occasions. We recommend that homework be done as soon as possible after school hours. Homework should not be left until late in the evening when a child has become too tired to concentrate.

The school recommends the following approximate times to be spent on homework:

Rang 2:	20-30mins
Rang 3:	30-40mins
Rang 4:	40-50mins
Rang 5:	50-60mins
Rang 6:	60-70mins

Children should not be expected to spend longer at homework than these recommended times. If a child has difficulty with homework or regularly cannot complete it in the recommended time, parents should inform her class teacher.

Homework Content:

Homework will involve some of the following activities:

- Reading (we encourage extra reading of library books – 15/20 mins each night)
- Vocabulary
- Spellings
- Tables
- Memorisation
- Maths
- Written work
- Project research
- Music Practice

Homework is assigned, taking account of the differing levels of ability of our pupils.

At the start of each school year an “Additional Sheet” , with information for parents relating to your daughters specific class grouping, will issue from your daughter’s teacher.

What is expected of parents:

- Make sure that homework is done at a table or desk, without distractions.
- Check your child's homework each day.
- Ensure that written work is neat and presentable.
- Help your daughter, but **do not do the work for her**.
- **Homework Reading:** Allow and encourage your child to **read aloud** for you every day.
- **Spellings:** The children are encouraged to learn spelling using the “Look and Say, Cover, Write, Check” method which they can do alone. You should only be called to “Ask me my spellings!” when your child has already tested her knowledge of them. The actual writing down of each spelling is a very important part of the learning process.
- Sign Homework Journals or copies on completion of work / as requested by your daughter’s Class Teacher.

Homework not done:

A written explanation from a parent is required in the case of homework not being completed.

The homework policy (Listed under Policy Documents on left hand side of home page) and “Additional Information Sheet” (Listed under Information for Parents on left had side of home page – see relevant class), are available on the school website www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie

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