

Belgrove Senior Girls' School

Additional Information From Second Class Teachers 2018/2019

Dear Parents/ Guardians, Welcome to Belgrove Senior Girls' School. We hope your daughter has an enjoyable first year. Below we have outlined some information that will be of benefit to you in guiding your daughter this year.

Additional Information for Parents of Second Class

Communication requirements

Please use the journal for regular communication with teacher. Please inform teacher of any changes in family circumstances, as we may not be aware of any changes. Please send in any outstanding enrolment forms/baptismal certs.

Communication Requirements; Written notes from parents are necessary in the following circumstances and should be written on a **separate sheet**, not in the Homework Journal:

- Absence
- Lateness
- Leaving early
- Staying in from yard
- Incomplete homework
- All journals should be signed every night after checking that homework has been completed accurately

Reading

In 2nd class the children should be encouraged to read aloud to you. We would encourage you to engage in **paired or shared** reading with your daughter as part of her homework every evening. Ask your child to predict what she thinks a book might be about, or what she thinks might happen next. At the end of the reading session, question her about the content of what she has read. Each child should have a library book taken from the class or school library. Children should read independently for an additional 15+ minutes from their library book or a book of their choice each evening. They should be encouraged to read for enjoyment.

Maths

Methods used in class may differ from method learned by parents. If you are unsure of the method being used in class, please consult textbook (e.g. subtraction with regrouping.) Children must revise their addition and subtraction tables on a nightly basis with emphasis on accuracy and speed.

Many maths topics can be carried out informally.

Help your child to:

- Read the time both in digital and analogue.
- Be familiar with coin values and be aware of change when shopping.

Gaeilge

In second class the focus is on the spoken word and conversational Irish both in school and at home. We would encourage the use of the 'cúpla focal sa bhaile'.

Home and parish involvement

We follow Grow in Love Programme, each week homework will be assigned in the children's grow and love workbook. We encourage you to engage in conversation and discussion with your daughter in relation to what has been looked at that week in the classroom.

Homework

Oral homework is as important as written homework. 2nd Class homework should take 20 to 30 minutes of consistent work. Check, note time taken, and sign homework journal. Please put a note in the homework journal for any work not done.

Healthy Lunches

- Nutritious Lunches- sandwiches, fruit and veg, yoghurt, etc
- No crisps, chewing gum, hard sweets, lollipops or fizzy drinks
- Take home unfinished lunches and recyclable containers

Parent teacher meetings will be arranged once a year. If you have any concerns regarding your daughter, you are most welcome to arrange an appointment with her teacher. You can arrange an appointment by writing a note in your daughter's journal or ringing the office.

We hope this will be a happy and rewarding year for your daughter.

Please refer to the '**Introductory Booklet for Parents**' which you received on your daughter's enrolment in this school and which can also be accessed on the school website www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie.