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Park Primary School



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What is homework?

Homework is anything that children do outside the normal school day that contributes to their learning, in response to guidance from the school. Homework encompasses a whole variety of activities instigated by teachers and parents to support children's learning. For example, a parent who spends time reading a story to their child before bedtime is helping with homework.

Rationale

Homework supported by parents can be a very important part of a child's education and can add much to a child's development. We recognise that the time and resources available limit the educational experience that any school by itself can provide. Children benefit greatly therefore from the mutual support of parents and teachers encouraging them to learn both at home and at school. One of the aims of our school is for children to develop as independent learners. We believe that completing homework activities with parental support is one of the main ways in which children can acquire the skill of continual learning.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of homework at Park School are:

- To promote a partnership between home and school in supporting each child's learning.
- To enable classwork to concentrate on those activities requiring teacher presence.
- To encourage children to develop perseverance with support from their parents/carers.
- To allow children time to practise skills learned in the classroom.
- To help children develop good work habits, in collaboration with the adults at home, for the future.

We also acknowledge the important role of play and free time in a child's growth and development. Whilst homework is important, it should not prevent children from taking part in the wide range of out-of-school clubs and activities that play an important part in the lives of many children.

We have an opt-in policy for homework; there will be no consequences if set activities are not completed with parents. However, we do encourage parents/carers to support their young people to engage in activities set.

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Primary Department Formal Homework Activities

Each class will send home activities to support learning when appropriate. This could be learning key words, completing maths games online or learning a song/poem. Parents are also asked to support their child's individual learning targets by engaging with the online games and apps, a booklet providing these links has been provided.

We are also asking parents/carers to engage in joint learning projects with their young person once a term.

Term 1 August - October	Class teachers will set a project to complete at home based on the topic being undertaken this term in the class.
Term 2 October - December	Class teachers will set an art/craft-based activity for parents to complete with their child at home.
Term 3 January – March	Parents/carers will be asked to create an Easter bonnet during term 3 with their child at home.
Term 4 April - June	This term children will be set tasks to develop their independence skills. These may be from the Junior Duke Awards or the Jass awards. These tasks will be developmentally appropriate.

As previously stated, homework is a voluntary activity, however, we would encourage parents/carers to support their young person in completing these home learning activities.

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