

St Gerard's Primary Homework Guidelines



Primary 1 - 3



Dear Parents,

We would like to provide some guidelines for homework throughout all stages in our school.

We hope you will find this useful. It will let you know what our expectations are and how we can work together to fulfil your **child's homework activities**.

Here are our set guidelines for homework...

- Homework will consist of tasks from three areas – language, maths and a task from one other subject area e.g. R.E, topic work, science
- All tasks will be given out on a Monday
- Please aim for homework to be submitted on the Friday, especially the Language and Maths work. However if more time is needed due to clubs, family commitments, etc. you may submit the homework on Monday providing the weekend for extra time
- Extra homework tasks, e.g. school projects will have a clear submission date and there will be no third task during this time
- If there is a week when no homework is due this will be clearly stated in the homework diary
- There will be no homework during the first and last week of each new term

When we have whole school activities such as Rights Respecting School tasks or Health Week this will be the third task of the week.

Please know we are always available to provide support or answer **any questions**. **Do not hesitate to write a note in your child's homework diary** or phone the school to arrange an appointment.

Thank you.

Here are some tips for **Language**...

- Within the early stages of reading it is important that your child points to each word as it is read, ensuring they are aware of the word on its own and also to prevent repetition or missing out words
- When writing, ensure letters are sitting on the line, that letters are the correct size and that finger spaces are used between words
- Check all sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop
- At later stages of P1 and throughout P2 and P3 check for joining words being used in sentences – and, but, so, because, then etc.

Here are some tips for **Maths**...

- Within P1 children count aloud to numbers 20 in class and focus on instant recognition and formation on 0-10
- From P2 onwards children count aloud to numbers above 20 with a focus on instant recognition and formation of 0-20
- From P3 children work on recognition and formation of numbers to 100
- When counting with your child focus on counting forwards and backwards, what number comes before or after a number, what number is between a set of numbers, e.g. between 31 and 33 etc.

Some possible questions...

Q - What happens if my child cannot complete homework on time?

Please do not worry about this, simply write a short note in your **child's diary** and the class teacher will know they need some extra time.

Q – What happens if my child finds the tasks too tricky?

Please write a note in your child's diary and the class teacher will provide advice and discuss this task with your child.

Q – Can my child get homework tasks when on holiday?

When asked, we will provide homework tasks if your child is sick or is granted an authorised holiday. Homework tasks are not provided for unauthorised holidays.

Q – What happens if my child does not hand in homework consistently?

The class teacher will record in your child's home learning diary if no homework is handed in. If this continues a letter will be sent home in order for us to work together to support this.

Q – How do I know the teacher is looking at my child's homework diary?

The class teacher will initial at the end of each week to show they **have seen your child's diary. They will respond to any comments** or questions you may have as quickly as possible.

Q – If I have any questions what should I do?

Please write a note in your child's diary otherwise please call the school office to arrange a meeting with the class teacher.

If you write a message in the diary for the teacher, please remind your child to inform their teacher of this.