

**Title:                    Homework Policy**

**Introductory Statement:**

This policy was formulated in consultation with the teaching staff of Lough Gur National School.

**Rationale:**

To reinforce what the child learns. The policy was formulated to ensure clarification and consensus among teaching staff members with regard to homework.

To communicate school policy to parents /guardians of pupils.

**Relationship to Characteristic Spirit of the School:**

Homework is a necessary part of a child's education and will help him/her to achieve its full potential.

**Aims:**

- \* To reinforce what the child learns during the day.
- \* To provide a link between teacher/parent.
- \* To develop a child's concentration skills and develop a work ethic.
- \* To challenge a child's ability and provide opportunities for creativity.

**Guidelines:**

Homework will be given on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, but not on Fridays.

There are some exceptions:

- \* If homework has been neglected during the week.
- \* If homework is unfinished during class time.
- \* In senior classes if some project work is undertaken at weekends.

Sometimes at the discretion of the class teacher- children are given "homework off" as a treat or as acknowledgment of some special occasion.

Homework will contain a balance of reading, learning and written tasks.

It should be noted that reading and learning by heart is "real homework" and parents/guardians should ensure that this work is done well.

Parents are encouraged to supervise and check children's homework to ensure that it is neat and in keeping with the standard of their work done in school.

Teachers will check homework regularly and give help where difficulties arise.

Some items of homework may be checked by pupils under the direction of the teachers.

Children will write homework in suitable homework notebook/copy.

The Learning Support Teacher sets homework for the children in her/his own group.

### **Success Criteria:**

Children are expected to do their homework to the best of their ability - no more, no less.

### **Roles and Responsibilities:**

Teachers, parents/guardians and pupils will be responsible.

Teachers will be responsible for the setting and correction of appropriate homework.

Parents/guardians will be responsible for supervising the completion of homework.

Children will be responsible for careful completion of homework.

### **Timeframe for Implementation:**

This policy is presently being implemented in the school and will continue.

### **Timeframe for Review:**

The policy will be reviewed when deemed necessary by the school staff.

### **Responsibility for Review:**

The teachers will be responsible for review, in consultation with the partners in education.

### **Ratification and Communication:**

This policy was ratified at a Board of Management meeting.  
The policy is available on request in the school and can be seen by prior arrangement with the principal.