

St. Michael's Primary School and Centre for Autism

Homework Policy

It is the school policy to give homework daily from Monday to Thursday inclusive. However, children in middle and senior classes may sometimes be required to work independently on projects at weekends.

Homework will be suitable to the age and ability of the pupils.

Each child should have a daily homework notebook.

The Role of Homework:

- a) Homework consolidates work completed in class.
- b) Homework establishes good study habits.
- c) Homework is a link between school and home.

Homework should:

- a) Be within the range and ability of the student.
- b) Have a revision content.
- c) Be completed in an environment without distraction.

Guidelines for Parents/Guardians:

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to:

- Establish a set routine and time for their child to complete his/her homework, in a quiet place free from distractions.
- Supervise children's homework, checking and signing the homework journal on completion.
- Forward a note to the teacher if homework has not been completed due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Make an appointment to speak with the class teacher should the child be experiencing consistent difficulty with his/her homework.

Guidelines for Teachers:

- Homework should be an integral part of the subject being taught and given in order to consolidate work done – not as an exercise in isolation.
- Homework should never be given unless the teacher has thoroughly prepared and explained what is to be done.
- Homework must be consistent – a small amount and given in such a way as to form a pattern for the children so that they are more likely to remember it.

- Teachers will check that homework is being done and will give extra help where difficulties occur.

Time:

Allotted times that teachers expect the average child in each class to spend at homework:

- Second **Class** : - up to 30 minutes.
Third and Fourth **Classes**: - up to 45 minutes.
Fifth and Sixth **Classes**: - up to one hour.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed and updated as and when deemed necessary by the Board of Management.

Ratification:

This policy was ratified by the Board of management on _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson of Board of Management.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Principal.

