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### **DEFINITION OF HOMEWORK:**

Homework is an extension of work completed during school lessons. It can involve a written or practical task, reading, learning, or research.

### **PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK:**

- To develop a link between home and school
- To reinforce and consolidate work completed in class
- To foster independent learning skills
- To encourage research and creativity

### **Guideline of homework for each class level:**

Homework is set from Monday to Thursday. Teachers may differentiate homework to match the current stage of the pupil's development and ability. Parents are encouraged to talk to the pupil's class teacher if their pupil is experiencing difficulty with homework.

### **Play and other pursuits**

#### **Active homework**

#### **Time limits**

- ❖ Junior Infants - 10-15 minutes
- ❖ Senior Infants - 10-20 minutes
- ❖ First Class - 15-25 minutes
- ❖ Second Class- 20-30 minutes
- ❖ Third Class- 25-35 minutes
- ❖ Fourth Class- 30-40 minutes
- ❖ Fifth Class- 35-45 minutes
- ❖ Sixth Class- 45-60 minutes

### **Guidelines for Parents**

## Why does my child get homework?

Each pupil receives homework for the purpose of reinforcing concepts previously learned in class and developing good study habits. The work that is set for homework will be relevant and purposeful. At times, homework may be research or topic based particularly in the senior classes. This is to encourage the pupils to develop their research and presentation skills independently.

## Sanctions

Delgany National School operates a sanction system in relation to homework. These sanctions are based on the class level. If homework is not completed, it is requested that a note/email be provided to the teacher. On receipt of a note/email, there are no sanctions.

1st occasion	Homework not completed (or not completed to standard)/ forgotten & no note	Chance given
2nd occasion	Homework not completed (or not completed to standard)/forgotten & no note	Note sent home
3rd occasion	Homework not completed (or not completed to standard)/forgotten & no note	<p>Junior (1st-4th): The pupil will complete the missed homework outside school otherwise, during Golden Time/ the school day</p> <p>Senior (5th/6th): The above, as well as an extra piece of work to be completed at home.</p>

## Expectations of Pupils

Pupils are expected to complete their homework as set by the class/ SET teacher. If a parent has a concern in relation to the amount of homework being set, please contact the class teacher. Where a pupil has additional needs or is in receipt of school support, a reduced amount of homework may be set or other measures may be put in place.

## What is the content of homework?

Homework consists of phonics/reading, tables, mental maths, and an additional activity depending on the time of year e.g. SPHE/Active Homework/ Project work.

## Absence/Holidays

Homework is not set for pupils that are sick or on holidays.

## When should parents communicate with the teachers about homework?

Parents should communicate with the teacher in relation to homework when the homework has not been completed. They should also communicate with the teacher if their pupil is finding their homework to be too challenging or stressful. The teacher will aim to offer support and to find a solution e.g. a reduced amount of homework.

**Ratified by the Board of Management**

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