

# **Dromin National School**



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We recognize that regular and purposeful homework is an integral and beneficial part of the learning experience. We will strive to foster a positive approach to homework in parents and children.

It is school policy to give homework for the following reasons:

- It gives the pupils an opportunity to revise work already covered in school and in this way reinforces what they have learned.
- It gives parent(s)/guardian(s) an opportunity to become familiar with what their child is doing at school and to play a part in their learning.
- It also improves organizational skills and gives the pupil an opportunity to develop the ability to work independently.

Because all children are individuals, it will take different lengths of time for each to complete the tasks set out by the class teacher. Some pupils may take a short time while others may find the work set out to be beyond them. Therefore, to ensure that no pupil spends an excessive amount of time at homework, we recommend the following:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>Junior Infants</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>
<b>Senior Infants</b>	<b>15 minutes</b>
<b>First Class</b>	<b>25 minutes</b>
<b>Second Class</b>	<b>25 minutes</b>
<b>Third Class</b>	<b>35 minutes</b>
<b>Fourth Class</b>	<b>35 minutes</b>
<b>Fifth Class</b>	<b>1 hour</b>
<b>Sixth Class</b>	<b>1 hour</b>

Homework notebooks/journals will be used from 1st class up to and including 6th class to record each pupil's type and amount of homework. A parent/guardian must sign, each night, the pupil's homework journal.

Homework will be given to pupils from Monday to Thursday inclusive, in a given week. There will be no homework given on Fridays.

Should the pupil not have enough time to finish the work, or if for any other reason the homework has not been completed, all that is necessary is for the parent/guardian to send an explanatory note to the teacher.

The importance of oral language work cannot be overemphasized, (i.e. language development, reading, spellings, tables, questions on library books), and homework gives the pupil the opportunity to develop these skills.