



CANAL WAY ETNS HOMEWORK POLICY

Children are given homework which is work that supports and complements the work being carried out at school. This policy was written by the principal and staff.

The type of homework and amount will vary from time to time and from class to class but will increase as the child progresses through the school. Individual class teachers will correspond with parents outlining details. Parents are informed at the class meeting at the start of the year how much homework to expect and what kind and form it will take. Parents are encouraged to help their children to develop a positive approach to homework by setting aside a time in the day when they can complete their tasks.

Homework is set as a way of informing and involving parents in their child's learning process, as well as enjoying activities and having fun. All pupils are encouraged to read in their own time every day. From an early age they will bring home their reading books the school hopes that parent and child will share the excitement of reading books together.

Parents are also encouraged to spend time allowing and supporting children to develop life skills by encouraging them to read things around them e.g. labels and street signs, as well as writing letters, stories, notes, lists and every day math. This is supported and reinforced by staff during school time.

Homework assignments in English and Mathematics and Gaelge are given on a regular basis with particular emphasis on spellings and tables. Once again parental help with the learning of spelling and number patterns is much valued and has a noticeable impact on children's learning.

Children are asked to complete homework Monday – Thursday during term time.

Guide time for homework

Junior/Senior Infants	10 - 15 minutes
First/Second Class	15 - 25 minutes
Third/Fourth Class	30 - 40 minutes
Fifth/Sixth Class	45 - 55 minutes

Homework will at times be allocated over several nights.

Learning homework is just as important as written assignments and adequate time should be devoted to learning assignments

Homework assignments will be recorded in the pupil's homework journal from 1st to 6th class. The journal will also act as a form of communication between the home and the class. It is important to inform the class teacher if a child is having difficulty with homework or if homework has not been completed on a specific day due to unavoidable circumstances.

There is a homework diary in operation from first class onwards and parents sign this diary along with the amount of time it has taken the child to complete their homework. This is used by the class teacher and parents as a good communication tool between the home and the school.