

CADAMSTOWN N.S. HOMEWORK POLICY.

AIMS/PURPOSES

1. To consolidate the work that has been done in school.
2. To cultivate the habit of private study.
3. To keep parents in touch with and involved in their children's schoolwork.

PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

1. Homework for classes 1st to 6th will nearly always include English reading, spellings, maths, tables, writing in the English language and Irish reading/learning.
2. Homework can also include some of the following: Irish writing, memorizing poems, memorizing history and geography facts, project work, memorizing religion prayers and questions, filling in answers in workbooks and drawing and colouring (depending on the ages of the children).
3. All written homework should be explained by the teacher in school before the child goes home.
4. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children's homework, encourage their children to put in their best effort and sign the homework diary when they have checked to see that all the homework has been done.
5. Parents are free to decide that a child has spent enough time at his/her homework. Parents should send a brief note to the teacher if a child has not done all of his/her homework.
6. If a child is persistently having problems with homework (e.g. is finding it very difficult, is spending too long at it or it causes stress and worry) a parent should contact the teacher.
7. A child should spend on average the time below at homework.
Infants: Up to 20 minutes.
1st Class: 20 minutes.
2nd Class: 20-30 minutes.
3rd Class: 30-40 minutes.
4th Class: 40-45 minutes.
5th Class: 45-60 minutes.
6th Class: 45-60 minutes
8. Children who have not been disruptive in class during the week will have homework off at weekends.
9. Hearing your child's reading is very important for children in junior classes as is reading a book together (paired reading).
10. Where children are having difficulty, it might be advisable to give each thing they have to do a set amount of time. (For example devote 5 minutes to learning tables and leave it at that.)

TIMETABLE FOR REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every three years. The Principal will co-ordinate this review.

RATIFICATION & REVIEW

This revised policy was ratified by the BOM on 23/02/2022 and communicated fully and clearly to the parents as per Website

Signed: _____

**Donal O’Sullivan
Chairperson**

Date: 23/02/2022

Signed: _____

**Martin Lynch
Principal**

Date: 23/02/2022