

## *HOMWORK POLICY*

It is the policy of the school that each child be given a homework suitable for his/her age and ability. Homework is given in order to:

- (a) Practice and reinforce a child's work carried out in class.
- (b) Keep parents informed about the work being done in school and to involve them in their children's work.
- (c) Help develop in the pupil a habit of personal and/or independent study.

### **The following are the guidelines:**

1. All pupils will be required to do homework each night. It is our policy not to give week-end homework except after Christmas in P6 and during the first term of P7, when required.
2. The content of the homework will normally include an element of Language and Literacy, Mathematics and Numeracy, The World Around Us or Religious Education.
3. Parents are requested to set aside a special time for homework.
4. Homeworks may be of a written, learning or practical nature or a combination of these. Each one has equal importance.
5. The time expected to be spent on homework will vary according to class. The suggested minimum guidelines are as follows:

P1/P2	10-15 mins
P3	20 mins
P4	25/30 mins
P5	30-35mins
P6/P7	45 mins – 1 hour

6. In P4-P7, each child will have a specific homework book. P1 – P3 children will use homework folders.
7. Homework is given to practise and reinforce a child's work carried out in class. If a parent feels that the level of homework is too challenging, they should allow the child to discontinue the homework, write a brief note on the homework to let the teacher know and contact the teacher by writing or phoning, to discuss.
8. Parents are requested to read teachers' comments and sign homework each night. If there is more than one element to the homework, *each* element of the homework should be signed. If parents omit to sign the homework, teachers will write a short reminder on the child's homework book.
9. When correcting homework, attention will be paid to presentation as well as accuracy. Ruling of lines, spacing, handwriting, formation of numbers and general care of books/homework folders will all be considered. Parents are asked to encourage children to maintain a high standard in all of these areas at all times.
10. If for any other reason a pupil is unable to do homework or if there is some other query regarding homework, parents are requested to send a note into the teacher, who will contact them, if necessary.

*ST Therese of Lisieux Primary School*



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