



Scoil Aonghusa

## Polasaí Obair Bhaile

### 1) Why give homework?

- To re-inforce what the child learns during the day.
- To provide a link between teacher and parent.
- To develop a child's concentration skills and develop a work ethic.
- Homework is meant to be achievable by a child, i.e. it provides an opportunity to practice work already done. The teacher prepares homework normally in class. However, sometimes with senior classes, some homework is designed to challenge children's ability and provide opportunities for creativity.
- Children are expected to do their homework to the best of their individual ability – no more, no less.

### 2) How often is homework given?

- Homework is given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays but not on Fridays. There are two exceptions:
  - ◆ if homework has been neglected during the week
  - ◆ in senior classes some project work is undertaken at weekends
- Sometimes at the discretion of the class teacher or the principal, children are given "homework off" as a treat or as acknowledgment of some special occasion.
- Please note extra homework may sometimes be given during the week or at the weekend if a child has not done homework, has not made a suitable effort or presented untidy work.

### 3) What is the content of homework?

- Ideally homework will contain a balance between reading tasks, learning tasks and written tasks.
- This balance is not always possible and can vary considerably from day to day. However, it should be noted that homework time devoted to reading and learning is as important as written work.
- Homework will regularly contain reading, spellings, tables, written work, pieces to be "learned by heart", drawing/colouring, collecting information/items and finishing work started in class.
- Children often feel that reading and "learning by heart" is not real homework. Parents can play an important role in listening to reading and items to be learned and ensuring this work is done well.

### 4) How much time should be spent at homework?

The following are guidelines for time spent at homework. Different children will complete the same homework in different lengths of time. Time spent will vary from day to day and also from the beginning to the end of the school year. It is important to remember that it is the quality and not the quantity of homework that matters. The following are general guidelines only:

Junior Infants	0 - 10 minutes
Senior Infants	Up to 20 minutes
Rang 1	Up to 30 minutes
Rang 2	Up to 30 minutes
Rang 3	Up to 35 minutes
Rang 4	Up to 40 minutes
Rang 5	Up to 45 minutes
Rang 6	Up to 50-60 minutes

Homework is given from Monday to Thursday. Normally there is no homework at weekends or on a school day just before a public holiday. However, children in middle and senior classes may sometimes be required to work independently on projects at weekends.

**5) How much help should parents give?**

- Parents should try to help their children with homework by:
  - ◆ providing them with a suitable place and time to do their homework
  - ◆ to prevent interruptions or distractions, like T.V. or other children
- Children should do written homework themselves and parents should only help when the child has difficulty
- If a child has difficulty with homework, parents should help the child to overcome the difficulty with further explanation or examples, but not by actually doing the homework for the child. In this case the parent should write a note to the teacher explaining the problem.
- Shared reading is not homework in the regular sense and it is simply meant to be an enjoyable exercise between parent and child. For further information on paired reading please see link on our school website [www.scoilaonghusa.com](http://www.scoilaonghusa.com).

**6) How often should parents monitor homework?**

- Parents should check and sign a child's homework journal every evening.
- The pupil's journal is an important record of the child's homework. It is also a valuable means of communication between parents and teachers.
- Ideally, all written messages to your child's teacher should be put in the homework journal
- Please check that your child records homework neatly in the correct page and ticks each item of homework when completed.
- Letters and notes to parents are folded and placed in the current day of the homework journal. Please check your child's journal for such notes on a regular basis

**7) How often do teachers monitor homework?**

- Ideally teachers like to check homework on a daily basis. However with large class numbers it is not always possible to check each child's homework journal every day.
- As children get older and learn to work independently, some items of homework are checked less often e.g. every second day or once per week.
- Some items of homework (and class work) may be checked by children themselves under the direction of the teacher. This can be a useful part of the learning process for children.

**8) When should parents communicate with the teachers about homework?**

- When your child cannot do homework due to family circumstances
- When your child cannot do homework because she/he cannot understand some aspect.
- If the time being spent at homework is often longer than the recommended amount of time.

**9) When should homework be done?**

- Each family situation is different - parents working, child minders, etc. Ideally, homework should be done before any television is watched soon after school while your child is still fresh, however, some children need a break before starting homework.
- Homework should never be left until morning time before school.
- A parent should listen to children reading out loud every night.

**Remember**

**If homework is a stressful experience between parent and child, something is wrong! This leads to poor learning and defeats the whole purpose. Should this happen on a regular basis, please contact the class teacher.**

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## 1) Cén fáth obair bhaile?

- Chun foghlaim lae an pháiste a neartú.
- Chun ceangal a dhéanamh idir mhúinteoir agus thuismitheoir.
- Chun cumas dianmhachnamh an pháiste a fhorbairt agus eitic oibre a chruthú.
- Is obair atá indéanta í an obair bhaile, i.e. tugann sí deis obair atá déanta cheanna a chleachtadh. De ghnáth ullmhaíonn an múinteoir obair bhaile sa rang. Bíodh sin mar atá, tugtar obair bhaile chun dúshlán a chur faoi pháistí agus chun cruthaitheacht a chothú uaireanta leis na hardranganna.
- Táimid ag súil go mbeidh an obair bhaile déanta ag an bpáiste chomh maith agus is féidir leo.

## 2) Cé chomh minic is a tugtar obair bhaile?

- Tugtar obair bhaile Dé Luain, Dé Máirt, Dé Céadaoin agus Déardaoin. Tá dhá eisceacht ann:
  - ◆ má tá faillí san obair bhaile i rith na seachtaine
  - ◆ gabhtar obair tionscadail 'sna hard ranganna ag an deireadh seachtaine
- Uaireanta faoi dhiscreíd an mhúinteora ranga agus an príomhoide, tugtar oíche 'saor ó obair bhaile' do na páistí.
- Tabhair aire go dtugtar breis obair bhaile ó am go chéile i rith na seachtaine nó ag an deireadh seachtaine mura bhfuil obair bhaile an pháiste déanta, iarracht sásúil déanta nó obair míshlachtmhar tugtha suas.

## 3) Céard atá ann san obair bhaile?

- Go hidéalach beidh cothromaíocht idir tascanna léitheoireachta, tascanna foghlama agus tascanna scríobhneoireachta.
- Níl an chothromaíocht seo indéanta i gcónaí agus is féidir le hathraithe móra a bheith ann ó lá go lá. É sin san áireamh, is fiú a luadh go bhfuil an t-am atá tugtha don obair bhaile sa léitheoireacht agus foghlaim gach pìoc chomh tábhachtach is atá an obair scríofa.
- Beidh léitheoireacht, litriú, táblaí, obair scríofa, sliochtanna le foghlaim de 'ghlan mheabhair', tarraingt/dathú, bailiú eolais/rudaí agus obair le críochnú a bhí tosaithe sa rang mar chuid den obair bhaile go minic.
- Braitheann páistí go minic nach fíor obair bhaile é léitheoireacht agus foghlaim de 'ghlan mheabhair'. Is féidir le thuismitheoirí ról tábhachtach a ghlacadh ag éisteacht don léamh agus rudaí atá le foghlaim agus ag cinntiú go bhfuil an obair déanta go maith.

## 4) Cé mhéad ama is cóir a chaitheamh ar obair bhaile?

Seo a leanas treoirlínte i leith an t-am cuí le caitheamh ar obair bhaile. Beidh an obair bhaile céanna críochnaithe ag roinnt páistí in amanna éagsúla. Athróidh an t-am a chaitear ar obair bhaile ó lá go lá agus ó thús go deireadh na scoil bliana. Tá sé tábhachtach cuimhniú i gcónaí gurb é caighdeán na hoibre agus ní hé méid na hoibre an rud is tabhachtaí. Seo a leanas treoirlínte amháin:

Naoináin Shóisear	0 – 10 nóiméad
Naoináin Shinsear	Suas go 20 nóiméad
Rang 1	Suas go 30 nóiméad
Rang 2	Suas go 30 nóiméad
Rang 3	Suas go 35 nóiméad
Rang 4	Suas go 40 nóiméad
Rang 5	Suas go 45 nóiméad
Rang 6	Suas go 50-60 nóiméad

Tugtar amach obair bhaile ó Luan go Déardaoin. De ghnáth ní bhíonn obair bhaile ag an deireadh seachtaine. É sin ráite, beimid ag iarraidh ó pháistí 'sna meán agus ard ranganna obair go neamhspléach ar thionscadail ag an deireadh seachtaine ó am go ham.

## 5) Cé mhéad cabhair is cóir teacht ó na tuismitheoirí?

- Ba cóir do thuismitheoirí cabhair a thabhairt dá bpáistí le:
  - ♦ cinntiú go bhfuil áit agus am oiriúnach ann dóibh chun a gcuid obair bhaile a dhéanamh
  - ♦ chun aon stopadh nó cur isteach a chosc, cosúil le teilifís nó páistí eile
- Ba cóir do na páistí féin an obair bhaile scríofa a dhéanamh gan aon chabhair ó na tuismitheoirí go dtí go bhfuil deacracht ann
- Má tá deacracht ag páiste le hobair bhaile, ba cóir do na tuismitheoirí cabhrú leis an bpáiste le tuilleadh míniú agus samplaí chun an fhadhb seo a shárú, ach gan a bheith ag déanamh an obair don pháiste.
- Sa chás seo moltar go scríobhann an tuismitheoir nóta chuig an múinteoir ag míniú na faidhbe. Ba cóir don tuismitheoir éisteacht le léitheoireacht Bhéarla agus Gaeilge.
- Leitheoireacht beirte/paired reading – nasc ar shuíomh idirlíon na scoile [www.scoilaonghusa.com](http://www.scoilaonghusa.com) le heolas breise.

## 6) Cé chomh minic ar cóir do thuismitheoirí a bheith ag faire ar obair bhaile?

- Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí dialann obair bhaile an pháiste a shiniú agus a sheiceáil gach tráthnóna.
- Is taifead tábhachtach d'obair bhaile an pháiste í an dialann. Is modh chumarsáide luachmhar í freisin idir thuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí.
- Go hidéalach, ba chóir do gach teachtaireacht a scríobhtar chuig an múinteoir a chur sa dialann obair bhaile.
- Seiceáil go bhfuil obair bhaile an pháiste tógtha síos i gceart agus go néata agus sa leathanach ceart.
- Filltear litreacha agus nótaí go tuismitheoirí agus cuirtear sa dialann obair bhaile iad. Seiceáil dialann obair bhaile do pháiste le haghaidh a léithead go rialta.

## 7) Cé chomh minic is a dhéanann múinteoirí monatóireacht ar obair bhaile?

- Is maith le múinteoirí obair bhaile a sheiceáil go hidéalach go laethúil. De bharr uimhreacha móra sna ranganna ní féidir i gcónaí obair bhaile an pháiste a sheiceáil gach lá.
- De réir mar a éiríonn páistí níos sine agus go bhfoghlaíonn siad conas obair go neamhspléach, ní sheiceáiltear gach cuid den obair bhaile chomh minic m.sh. gach dara lá nó uair sa tseachtain.
- Is féidir leis na páistí iad féin cuid den obair bhaile (agus obair scoile) a sheiceáil faoi stiúir an mhúinteora. Is féidir leis seo a bheith ina chuid tábhachtach den phróiseas foghlama.

## 8) Cathain ar chóir do thuismitheoirí teagmháil a dhéanamh leis an múinteoir faoi obair bhaile?

- Nuair nach féidir le do pháiste obair bhaile a dhéanamh de bharr suíomh baile
- Nuair nach féidir le do pháiste obair bhaile a dhéanamh de bharr easpa tuisceana.
- Má chaitear níos mó ama ná mar atá leagtha amach don obair bhaile.

## 9) Cathain ar chóir obair bhaile a dhéanamh?

- Tá gach suíomh clainne difriúil. Ba chóir don obair bhaile a bheith déanta tar éis na scoile nuair atá do pháiste fós aireach roimh aon am caite ag breathnú ar an teilifís. É sin ráite, bíonn sos ag teastáil ag roinnt páiste sula dtosaíonn siad aon obair bhaile.
- Ní cóir don obair bhaile a bheith fágtha don mhaidin roimh scoil riamh.
- Ba chóir do thuismitheoir éisteacht le léitheoireacht na bpáistí GACH LÁ. Fiú páistí sna hard ranganna.

## Cuimhnigh

**Más eachtra strúis í an obair bhaile idir thuismitheoir agus páiste, tá rud éigin mí-cheart! Tiocfaidh droch foghlama as dá bharr sin agus rachaidh sé i gcoinne na haidhme. Má tharlaíonn sé seo ar bhonn laethúil, déan teagmháil leis an múinteoir ranga.**