



Polasaí Obair Bhaile – Homework Policy

Cén fáth a dtugann múinteoir obair bhaile?

- Tá nasc idir rath acadúil agus obair bhaile atá dírithe ar ábhar.
- Tá fianaise ann go saibhríonn obair bhaile taithí foghlamtha an pháiste.
- Forbraíonn gnáthamh obair bhaile maith scileanna tábhachta don saol; bainistiú ama, scileanna pleanála, dúthracht, cumas rudaí a chur in ord tosaíochta, neamhspleáchas, scileanna airde, cumas eitic oibre agus meon an fháis.
- Chun foghlaim lae an pháiste a neartú.
- Chun ceangal a dhéanamh idir mhúinteoir agus thuismitheoir.
- 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.

Why teachers give homework?

- Higher academic success is linked with focused homework.
- There is well documented evidence that homework enriches a child's engagement with learning.
- A good homework routine develops important life skills; time-management and planning skills, conscientiousness, ability to prioritise, independence, concentration skills, work ethic and a growth mindset.
- Homework reinforces what the child learns at school.
- Homework provides an important link between teacher and parent.
- Homework is meant to be achievable by a child, i.e. it provides an opportunity to practice work already learned. The teacher prepares homework in class. However, sometimes with senior classes, some homework is designed to challenge the children's ability and provide opportunities for creativity and problem solving.
- Children are expected to do their homework to the best of their individual ability – no more, no less!

Cé chomh minic is a tugtar obair bhaile?

- Seoltar obair bhaile na seachtaine ar an aip Seesaw gach Luan le bheith déanta ag na páistí Dé Luain, Dé Máirt, Dé Céadaoin agus Déardaoin.
- Bíonn obair bhaile Rang na Naíonán Sóisir, Rang na Naíonán Sinsir, Rang 1 agus Rang 2 i bhfillteán obair bhaile na bpáistí agus ar an aip Seesaw. Bíonn obair bhaile Rang 3, Rang 4, Rang 5 agus Rang 6 ar an aip Seesaw.
- Tá fillteán obair bhaile ag gach dalta do leabhair/cóipleabhair/bileoga oibre don obair bhaile.
- Ní tugtar obair bhaile do pháistí don chéad coicís i mí Meán Fómhair agus tugtar léitheoireacht amháin i mí an Mheithimh.

How often is homework given?

- Homework is assigned each Monday on the Seesaw App by the class teacher to be completed by the children on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night.
- Pupils in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, Rang 1 and Rang 2 receive a copy of their homework in their Homework folders and on the Seesaw App. Homework for pupils in Rang 3 - Rang 6 is assigned on the Seesaw App.
- All pupils have a Homework Folder for the books/ copies/ worksheets required to complete their Homework.
- Children are not assigned Homework during the first 2 weeks in September and they are only assigned reading Homework in the month of June.

Céard atá ann san obair bhaile?

- Léitheoireacht, tascanna foghlama, Staidéar Focail, Mata, Táblaí agus tascanna scríobhneoireachta le cur isteach gach Aoine.
- Tá an t-am atá tugtha don obair bhaile sa léitheoireacht agus foghlaim gach pioc chomh tábhachtach is atá an obair scríofa.
- Is féidir le tuismitheoirí ról tábhachtach a ghlacadh ag éisteacht don léamh agus rudaí atá le foghlaim agus ag cinntiú go bhfuil an obair déanta go maith.

What is the content of homework?

- Homework will include Reading, including supplementary reading material, Tables Practice, Maths, focus on Word Study/Staidéar Focal words of the week and written activities. Written activities are to be submitted on Friday.
- It should be noted that homework time devoted to reading and learning is as important as written work.
- Parents can play an important role in listening to reading and items to be learned and ensuring this work is done to the best of their child's ability.

Cé mhéad ama is cóir a chaitheamh ar obair bhaile?

Seo a leanas treoir 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 treoir amháin:

Naoináin Sóisir	0 – 10 nóiméad
Naoináin Sinsir	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

How much time should be spent at homework?

These 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:

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

Cé mhéad cabhair is cóir teacht ó na tuismitheoirí?

Ba chóir 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
- 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 chóir 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.

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 preventing interruptions or distractions
- 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.

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

- Ba chóir do thuismitheoirí obair bhaile an pháiste a sheiceáil gach tráthnóna.
- Is taifead tábhachtach d'obair bhaile an pháiste í an aip Seesaw. Is modh chumarsáide luachmhar í freisin idir thuismitheoirí agus múinteoirí.

How often should parents monitor homework?

- Parents should check their child's homework every evening.
- The Seesaw App is a record of the homework assigned to the pupils. It is also a valuable means of communication between parents and teachers.

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.

When should parents communicate with the teachers about homework?

- When your child cannot do homework due to family circumstances etc.
- 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 or homework is a cause of stress for your child.

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. 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/chaomhnóir éisteacht le léitheoireacht na bpáistí gach lá.

When should homework be done?

- Each family situation is different – parents/guardians working, child minders, etc. Ideally, homework should be done earlier rather than later in the evening, while your child is still fresh, however, some children need a break before starting homework.
- Homework should not be left until morning time before school.
- A parent/guardian should listen to children reading out loud every night.

******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.



******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.