

**St James' NS Barnacogue**

**Homework Policy**

**AIMS/PURPOSES:**

*The purpose of Homework is:*

- to act as consolidation of work done
- to cultivate the habit of private study
- to keep parents in touch with, and involved in, their children's work.

**PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES**

- Homework will be given to all classes having regard for age and ability of child.
- Homework should be an integral part of the subject being taught and given in order to consolidate work done – not as an exercise in isolation.
- Homework should never be given unless the teacher has thoroughly explained what has to be done.
- Homework must be consistent – a small amount, and given in such a way as to form a pattern for the children so that they are more likely to remember it.
- Parents are encouraged to supervise children's homework, check and sign, and ensure that it is neat and in keeping with the standard of work at the school.
- Teachers will check that homework is being done and will give extra help where difficulties occur.
- Homework for Infant classes should not normally take longer than 10-15 minutes.
- Homework for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes should not normally take longer than 30 minutes.
- Homework for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes should not normally take longer than 45 minutes.
- Homework for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes should not normally take longer than 1 hr 30 minutes.

Homework will not be given at weekends except on occasions when a teacher considers that an individual (or individuals) may deserve it, or need to catch up due to absence.

The Learning Support teacher sets homework for the children in his/her own group.

**RESOURCES**

- Homework Journal
- Blackboard

**MOMITORING/EVALUATION/REVIEW**

- Correction daily
- Discussion at parent/teacher meetings
- Tests designed to ascertain if homework is achieving its objectives.

This policy was ratified on 26/04/2018 and will be reviewed as & when necessary.

