

Coláiste Alhuire



HOMework POLICY

WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

Coláiste Mhuire places great emphasis on the setting of purposeful, well planned homework which is designed to assist each child in reaching his/her full potential. Regular homework is a valuable aspect of the learning process and contributes to the development of sound study skills. It consolidates and supplements the work done in class and promotes independent learning and creativity.

RATIONALE:

- To inform the school community of the school's position regarding homework.
- To promote uniformity and consistency in the approach to homework.

RELATIONSHIP TO MISSION STATEMENT AND AIMS:

The policy encourages the active involvement and participation of pupil, teacher and parent in realizing the school's mission of promoting academic and personal fulfillment.

REVIEW:

The policy is reviewed regularly.

CONTENT:

Duration of Homework: The amount of time taken to complete homework will vary from student to student. Teachers of Coláiste Mhuire recommend the following:

First Year:	1½	hours per night
Second Year:	1½	hours per night
Third Year:	2½ - 3	hours per night
T.Y:	1 - 1½	hours per night
Fifth Year:	3	hours per night
Sixth Year:	3	hours per night (minimum)

THE PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK:

- To reinforce the work done in class.
- To revise and recap course work.

EXPECTATIONS REGARDING HOMEWORK:

Colaiste Mhuire expects;

- that students will record all homework in their journals.
- that completion of homework will be monitored by parents.
- that parents will encourage the completion of homework.
- that students will produce a note signed by a parent/guardian if homework is not presented.
- that students make a reasonable and honest effort to complete their homework fully and on time.
- that homework is handed up in the correct format (i.e. dated, ruled, neat, correct headings).
- that students will ask for and complete homework questions/assignments if absent (this includes absence due to extra-curricular activities etc).

Students may expect:

- that homework assignments will be fully explained.
- that homework will be assigned according to ability.
- **that a reasonable amount of homework will be given at all times.**
- that homework will be relevant.
- that all homework produced will be corrected.
- that adequate allowance will be given for time-consuming work.

Parents may expect:

- that homework is given, corrected and examined on a daily basis.
- that they will be informed of any difficulty their child may be experiencing.

WHAT CONSTITUTES HOMEWORK?

Homework may take the form of any of the following:

- Written homework
- Projects
- Sketches

- Learning
- Design
- Research
- Spellings
- Oral Learning
- Music practicals
- Essays
- Aural work for languages
- Reading
- ICT
- Recommended TV/Radio programmes
- Following Revision Plans

Homework Journal:

The journal is an important element in the recording and completion of homework tasks. Therefore;

- Students must have their journal in every class.
- Students must write their homework into the journal.
- Teachers will give time at the end of class to allow students to record their homework.
- Parents are asked to sign the homework journal weekly .

Homework Sanctions:

Failure to produce homework will result in the following course of action;

- Verbal warning and note in journal
- Additional exercise (**which will be relevant to the topic being covered and will take 20 minutes maximum to complete**).
- Students may be detained by a teacher.
- Teacher will contact parents.
- Letter will be sent home to inform parents.
- Students may be put on h/w monitoring cards by their class teacher.

Guidelines for Parents regarding homework:

As parents have a vital role to play in helping their children achieve their full potential, we ask that;

- Parents check and sign the homework journal weekly.

- Parents monitor the condition of copies.
- Parents provide a suitable environment, away from distractions, to enable their children to complete homework effectively.
- Parents write a note if their children are unable to produce homework on time due to unforeseen circumstances.

Guidelines for students:

- Students should write their homework in their journals at the end of every class.
- Students are expected to complete all homework assignments given to them.
- Homework should be completed on time.
- Students make a genuine and honest effort regarding homework.
- Copying another student's homework will result in sanctions.
- Students should be sure that they understand clearly what the teacher expects for homework before they leave class. If in doubt, ask the teacher to clarify.
- If students are absent from class for any reason, it is **their responsibility** to find out details of the work they have missed.

IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES:

- Present to staff at a plenary session.
- Present to student council for consultation
- Present to parents council for consultation
- Board of Management for final approval.

Approval:

This policy has been approved by the following:

**Staff of Colaiste Mhuire
Students Council
Parents Association
Board of Management**

Ratified on 9 Sept 19

Alan Edwards, Chairperson of BOM

Donal O Sullivan (Principal)

HOMEWORK GUIDLINES FOR TEACHERS (APPENDIX to Policy)

- **Give a reasonable amount of homework in line with the times outlined below.**
- All Homework should be written on the board, both written and learning homework.
- All homework assignments should be relevant & fully explained.
- Teachers should give time to students to write h/w into journals and spot check that it is written in.
- Do not give time at the end of class to do homework.
- In the rare instance that there is no work left when covering a class do not allow students to do h/w (relevant questions can be given from books, quizzes etc)
- Where homework assignments are going to take significantly longer than the times outlined below give more than one day for completion.
- All homework produced should be corrected.

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First Year:

1.5 (min) hours per night

Example; Core subjects = 20 mins each. Option Subjects = 15 mins each

Second Year:

1.5 (min) hours per night

Example; Core subjects = 20 mins each. Option Subjects = 15 mins each

Third Year:

2.5 – 3 hours per night (1.5/2 hours Homework + 1 hour revision)

Example; All subjects = 20 mins each. (Revision set out in subject revision plans)

T.Y:

1 (min) hour per night

Example; Core subjects = 20 mins each. H/W when necessary in other areas.

Fifth Year:

3 hours (min) per night

Example; All subjects = 30 mins each.

Sixth Year:

September – Christmas: 3 hours (min) per night (2 hours Homework + 1 hour revision)

January – June: 3.5/4 hours per night (2 hours Homework + 1.5/2 hours revision)

Example; All subjects = 25/30 mins each. (Revision set out in subject revision plans)