

Castledrum NS.  
Homework Policy

Introductory Statement: This policy was formulated by the staff of Castledrum NS.

**Aims:**

- To reinforce work done in class
- To develop study skills
- To promote a similar approach to homework across all classes
- To strengthen links between home and school

**Guidelines:**

- All classes will get homework
- Homework will be graded according to classes
- Provision will be made for children with special needs
- There will be a balance between oral, reading and written work
- It will be seen as a reinforcement and extension of work done in class
- Classes from first upwards will have a homework journal
- Parents will be expected to sign the homework journal
- Homework will be given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- As a general rule, homework will not be given at weekends except for 'news'
- Weekend homework will be given when homework has not been completed during the week
- Reward - no homework on special occasions - to be decided on by the teacher
- Homework will be corrected by the teacher daily/ weekly as appropriate
- Some items of homework may be checked by the children themselves under the direction the teacher
- A qualifying note is expected from home when work has not been done
- Work is expected to be neat and presentable. If not, it will have to be redone
- Children will be expected to take home the necessary books to complete homework
- Parents have the responsibility to ensure that homework is done

Role of Parents/ Guardians

As a parent, you have an important role to play in :

- encouraging your children's work
- observing their work
- looking over completed work and signing it

It is very important that you help your children with their homework in the most useful way. Try to make sure that children make an honest effort to do the homework without assistance. If they have a difficulty, your help should generally take the form of prompting and guiding them towards completing the task that is set. If you have given them a reasonable amount of help and they still cannot complete the task, it is best to send a note to the teacher to that effect. If when working with your child, you feel yourself getting impatient - then it is time to stop. Encourage your child to keep all books and copies clean and tidy.

### Some practical suggestions

You can also help by:

- setting suitable times for doing homework that take account of other needs, such as recreation and family circumstances
- setting a reasonable amount of time for homework
- making sure children have the proper physical conditions for doing homework - a quiet time, a clear table, helpful books such as dictionaries
- getting in touch with the school at an early stage if the child is having difficulties with homework.

### Timetable(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 mins.
Rang 2:	Up to 40 mins.
Rang 3:	Up to 50 mins
Rang 4:	Up to 1 hour
Rang 5:	Up to 1 hour 15 mins.
Rang 6:	Up to 1 hour 30 mins.

### Roles and Responsibility

Teachers. Parents/ Guardians

Implementation Date

September 2004

Reviewed in 2011

We, the undersigned agree to this policy:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_