

Presentation College, Currylea, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Homework Policy

Introduction

It is the policy of this school that students are assigned a reasonable amount of homework. The amount of homework increases as a student progresses through the school.

Rationale

Regular homework is an essential aspect of learning and helps to develop good study skills. It reinforces the work done in class and encourages independent study and creativity. It fosters positive values such as self-discipline, responsibility and an interest in learning which will benefit them throughout their lives. Homework promotes self-esteem and self-organisation. It helps students to learn from mistakes and identify their difficulties and forms a crucial part of exam preparation.

Goals

- ❑ To help students expand their knowledge and to enforce what is learned in class.
- ❑ To prepare students for examinations.
- ❑ To promote self-discipline.
- ❑ To discover if students have understood material covered in class.
- ❑ To act as a bridge between one day and the next.
- ❑ To encourage pupils to become independent learners.
- ❑ To strengthen links and communication between home and school.
- ❑ To inform parents/guardians about the homework and study of their children and ultimately to support the role of parents/guardians as the primary educators.

Students

- ❑ Must complete all homework set to the best of their ability.
- ❑ Present written work in a neat and tidy fashion.
- ❑ If absent from class a student is responsible for finding out what homework was set in each subject and complete it as required.
- ❑ Should spend time at home on their studies whether or not homework has been assigned. If no homework has been set then students are advised to go over material they have recently studied in class to make sure that they fully understand it.
- ❑ Should realise that regular revision is a necessary part of learning.
- ❑ Keep a record of homework in their homework journal.
- ❑ Homework presented must be the student's own work
- ❑ Date and title homework properly.
- ❑ Submit homework in a timely fashion as required.
- ❑ Have a dedicated copy/folder for each subject.

Parents

It is important that parents and guardians take a positive, supportive and active interest in their children's homework, encouraging them rather than just insisting that the work be done. Parents are encouraged

- ❑ To support the school policy

- ❑ To provide suitable conditions for homework completion
- ❑ To monitor the homework diary in the formative years
- ❑ To display an interest in the homework/study given and being done by students.
- ❑ To plan with the student a nightly or weekly schedule of homework
- ❑ To plan homework times so that it is not left until the last minute or forgotten.
- ❑ To ensure a sufficient amount of time is spent on homework.
- ❑ To provide a written explanation if homework is not completed.

Teachers

- ❑ The standard of pupil's homework will form a basis for discussion at parent/teacher meetings.
- ❑ Teachers will assign a reasonable amount of homework on a regular basis.
- ❑ Teachers will check and monitor homework.
- ❑ Teachers will evaluate the quality of homework and the contribution it is making to learning regularly.
- ❑ Teachers will explain fully to students Homework to be given and what is expected in return.
- ❑ Teachers will differentiate Homework insofar as possible.
- ❑ Teachers will use Homework to underpin any new changes as highlighted by School S.S.E.

See Appendix 1: Effective Practice for Homework.

See Appendix 2: Alternative Homework Suggestions.

Sanctions

Failure to complete homework will result in

- ❑ Discussion with subject teacher.
- ❑ First Page in Homework Journal to be filled.
- ❑ Verbal reprimand
- ❑ Recurrence of offences will be reported to parents through the homework journal.
- ❑ Report to Year Head via Purple Card System.

The following guidelines with regard to time are recommended:

First Year	Students should be prepared to do approx. 1 Hour 30 minutes on homework/study each night.
Second Year	Approx. 2 Hours per night on homework/study
Third Year	2.5 – 3 Hours per night on homework/study
Fifth Year	3 Hours per night on homework/study
Tran Year	Complete all project work, reading assignments and homework.
Leaving Cert	Approx. 3 – 4 Hours per night on homework/study during the week and extra at the weekend.

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management once in every school year.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on 16th April 2018.

Signed: _____
Chairperson,
Board of Management

Signed: _____
Principal

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