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HOMEWORK POLICY

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Introduction & Rationale:

Pupils are expected to work well and diligently at their studies. Their school lessons must be complemented by work at home and they should present all homework as requested by their teachers. Scoil Naomh Eoin has a policy of giving homework to its students and regards homework as an integral part of the learning process. Generally homework consists of - revision of work done, putting newly learned concepts into practice, correcting, researching or preparing work. When talking about homework it is important to remember the following:

- The student should do the homework in the best possible environment without distractions. Television, chat, reading books etc. should be avoided while doing homework. When doing homework the student should be doing this and nothing else.
- Homework often consists of oral work such as tables, spelling, reading etc. and does not consist only of written work. It is important that all sections of the homework are covered.
- In classes where the pupils have a homework journal parents must sign the journal every night when the homework has been completed. Please ensure that your child does his / her homework as well as possible to the best of his / her ability.
- As a reward weekend homework will not be given to those pupils who produce their homework consistently and well done during the week. However if a pupil regularly comes to school without homework done or badly done the class teacher will note this and the pupil will then be expected to do that homework at the weekend or during part of a favourite activity during school hours.

It is difficult to generalise on the amount of time that should be spent on homework. Some children can concentrate better; some think, plan and write more quickly, some are more careful than others, some can learn e.g. tables very quickly. Generally, however, the time spent on homework should fall within the following limits:

- Infant Classes 10 to 15 minutes maximum.
- First and Second Classes 20 to 30 minutes maximum
- Third and Fourth Classes 30 to 40 minutes maximum
- Fifth and Sixth Classes 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours maximum.

If a pupil has spent the recommended time, as outlined above, doing the homework and has not completed the work his/her parent should sign in the homework journal indicating what has not been completed. This should be shown to the class teacher. Unfinished work in this situation will not be regarded as week-end homework.