

# EDMONDSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL

## Homework Policy

We regard homework as important for several reasons:

1. It is a positive discipline.
2. It gives children a useful opportunity to revise work done in class.
3. It is essential for children to commit certain facts to memory e.g: tables, spelling, poems, prayers, and it is important that these should be revised regularly at home.

It is suggested that parents:

- Remind children to do their homework at a suitable time, not at bed time.
- Provide a suitable place where a child can work, away from distractions.
- Check their homework regularly to ensure it is **neat and tidy**.
- Show an interest in what is being done and praise them at every opportunity.
- Do not get impatient if a child cannot understand something.
- Let the teacher know if a child is persistently having problems with homework.
- Let the teacher know if for any reason homework cannot be done.
- Give credit for effort and not for the standard of the results.

Oral work is also important as children often feel that it is enough to do written work and “hope for the best” in regard to oral or memory work.

### Homework Journal

Each child from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class has a special homework journal. Parents can also help by ensuring that each item listed is carefully done. Journals should ideally be signed by parents at least once a week and any comment or message by the teacher, noted.

On Wednesdays, homework will be given via Seesaw. Homework for infants will be as directed by Infant teacher.

### Time

Homework is given from Monday night to Thursday night.

The following is a rough estimate of the **maximum time** which your child should spend on his/her assigned homework.

**Infants:** See above

**1st / 2nd Class:** 15 - 20 minutes

**3rd / 4th Class:** 20 - 30 minutes

**5th / 6th Class:** 30 - 45 minutes

If your child hasn't finished their homework in the allocated time, that will be fine, simply note this in their journal.

**Your child's success in school depends greatly on your co-operation with the school, particularly in the area of homework.**

**This Policy was reviewed in consultation with the teachers and parents of Edmondstown National School during September 2023.**

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**Signed: Rev. R. Lyng, OSA  
Chairperson  
Board of Management**

**Date: 26/09/2023**

**Signed: Philomena Cleary  
Principal**

**Date: 26/09/2023**