**Clonaghadoo N.S.**

**Homework Policy**

**Purpose**

* To enable the children to practice what they have learned in school and to illustrate how well they have understood various concepts.
* To give the children an opportunity to find information for themselves.
* To give children discipline of working independently.
* To allow the parents see how their child is progressing.

**How Parents can Help**

* The responsibility for insuring that homework is completed ultimately lies with parents.
* Name a set time
* Provide a suitable environment which is free of distractions e.g. television.
* Show interest in the child’s work e.g. check spellings.
* Check the child’s diary and sign if required by the teacher concerned.
* If homework is not completed for any particular reason parent should write a note to the teacher in the relevant section of the pupil’s diary.
* Parents should also check and sign any test which the child has done in school.
* If the child has a problem doing any aspect of homework, either the parent or child should tell the teacher the following day.

The following are recommended periods of time that the teachers feel are adequate to complete homework. However parents should remember that these times are just guidelines.

Infants – First Class 20 minutes.

Second Class – Fourth Class 30-40 minutes.

Fifth Class – Sixth Class 1-2 hours.

In general homework will not be given at weekends, unless a pupil has not completed work adequately during the week. An essay may be given to fifth and sixth classes on Friday and not collected until Tuesday.

All homework will be examined and corrected by the teacher or by the pupil under the guidance of the teacher. Under no circumstances should a teacher place a hand on a child while correcting and/or explaining any aspect of their work.

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

Amended May 2015