



# POLICY ON HOMEWORK

## Basic Homework

It is accepted within Scoil Níoclás Naofa that homework is given each night in the various classes. The type and amount of homework given is at the discretion of the teacher and will be related to the age and level of development of the child. Teachers are free to dispense with homework on Friday night if they feel that sufficient application was given to the homework during the week.

## General Guidelines

As a general principle, all teachers in Scoil Níoclás Naofa incorporate tables, English and/or Irish reading, spellings and some writing element each night. This list is modified at the teacher's discretion.

## Principles

Homework should be relevant to the lesson covered in class.

It should be interesting and varied.

Homework does not have to be always written. It may involve collecting items, ie for the nature table, researching information, or gathering information from grandparents or visiting some interesting places.

Due to home environment, some pupils may find the doing of homework difficult and this factor will be taken into account by the class teacher.

## Parental Involvement

The staff encourages parents to take an active part in homework.

Parents can check homework notebooks, ask tables and spellings, talk about interesting topics and read with the child. If homework cannot be done, a note to the teacher would be appreciated. This may lead to a modification in the amount or type of homework being given.

- a. Children should carry home only the books needed for the night. Shelves are provided so as the children will not have to carry heavy school bags.
- b. Parents are requested to check that all relevant materials are returned to the child's schoolbag.

c. Homework should be done in a quiet place without disturbances.  
This encourages good practice for further learning.

d. If homework is not done parents are asked to send a note to  
the class teacher by way of explanation