



## **Biscovey Nursery & Infants' Community School**

### **Homework Policy**

#### **Background:**

Biscovey Infants' School is of the opinion that homework is important since it reinforces and extends the teaching and learning that occurs during the day. Homework encourages parental involvement in children's learning and helps to develop independence. It is important however to remember and make it known to parents, that when a child has worked for a full day in school he/she may not respond positively to having large amounts of homework.

#### **Our aims of providing homework are to:**

- Ensure a consistency of approach throughout the school
- Ensure progression towards independence and an individual responsibility
- Ensure the needs of the individual are taken into account
- Ensure that parents/carers understand our expectations of them
- Improve the quality of learning experiences offered to the children
- Extend and support learning
- Provide opportunities for parents, children and the school to work in partnership
- Provide opportunities for children and parents to share learning experiences

The table below gives the agreed amount of homework for children.

	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Other home activities</b>
	<b>Minutes per night</b>	<b>(Minutes per week)</b>
Foundation 1	Share a book with your child. Listen to a bedtime story.	Weekly ILD challenge
Foundation 2	10+ Reading. Listen to a bedtime story.	Weekly ILD challenge/home learning.
Year 1	10+ Reading. Listen to a bedtime story.	Big Write. Spellings
Year 2	10+ Spelling/Reading. Listen to a bedtime story.	One piece of Numeracy, Topic or Literacy (20)

All EYFS2 and KS1 pupils have log in details for Education City which can be completed in addition to the work outlined above.

For children to make the most progress, multiplication/division facts also need to be practised nightly by Year 2 children. Children in Year 2 will be given five nights to complete their written homework.

The times are a guide and an indication of how long a child should spend working on their homework. Children should be encouraged to discuss any problems they are having with their teacher. It is not acceptable for children to struggle excessively, causing upset at home. Obtaining parental support is of paramount importance.

A Homework Club will be provided during a lunch time if needed for children who wish to do some of their homework at school and support will be provided. Incomplete work will need to be completed during lunchtimes with the support of the teacher. Parents will be contacted if the class teacher has concerns about the standard of homework.

Homework will:

- Be encouraged by a positive approach
- Encourage parents to support their children's work by providing where possible a quiet, undisturbed environment
- Be marked by the class teacher/team member if handed in on time
- Not necessarily be written work

Following these guidelines will help children to develop independence, realise their full potential and prepare them for the next stage in their education.

Although there is no legal requirement to have a Homework Policy, the guidelines have been drawn up in line with recommendations.

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