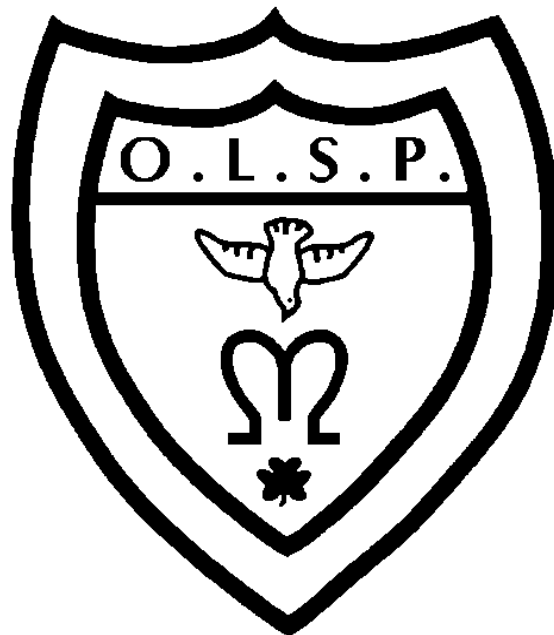


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## **Home Learning Policy**

### **Mission**

The Catholic Faith and the principles of the Gospel are central to the daily life of Our Lady and St Patrick's School. We are committed to:

**“Living, Loving and Learning Together in God's Way”**

### **Rationale**

We believe homework is an essential part of the learning process therefore it is compulsory for children of all ages.

Homework has a positive value to children's educational development and assists in raising standards therefore it will be differentiated according to outcome or task.

Homework encourages the involvement of parents in their children's learning therefore it will be sent home on a regular basis, marked and returned to children to take home.

### **Aims**

- To encourage pupils to develop the practice of independent study.
- To develop perseverance and self-discipline.
- To allow practice of skills learnt in the classroom.
- To consolidate and reinforce skills and understanding.
- To open up areas of study and to make possible the use of materials and sources of information that are not accessible in the classroom.
- To involve parents (and other adults) in children's work.

### **Foundation Stage**

In F1 weekly home links are given with suggestions of how parents can help their child with their learning. In addition to this, in F2, children take home key words and reading books to share with their parents. On average children in Foundation Stage should spend about 10 minutes per day on home learning. Daily reading to, with your child is essential.

### **Key Stage 1**

Home learning tasks may include daily reading, phonic work, spelling, number work and occasional topic work. On average children in Key Stage 1 should spend between 10 and 20 minutes per day on home learning. Listening to your child read on a daily basis is essential.

### **Key Stage 2**

Home learning tasks include daily reading, spelling, times tables, weekly Literacy or Numeracy tasks and occasional topic work. In addition to written tasks homework may involve finding out information or preparing oral presentations. As children grow older parental involvement is still valuable but children are increasingly expected to take responsibility for their own work. On average children in Key Stage 2 should spend between 1 and 2 ½ hours per week. Year 6 have Homework Books and Homework Diaries.

This grid is a guide to the main weekly homework.  
It may change depending on other activities taking place

<b>Class</b>	<b>Daily Activities:</b> Reading, Spelling, Time Tables	<b>Recommended time for daily activities</b>	<b>Weekly Activities:</b> Literacy, Maths Science	<b>Recommended time per week</b> This is suggested as a guide
F1	Key words Reading	10 minutes	Phonics Topic work	10 minutes
F2	Key words Reading	10 minutes	Phonics Topic work	10 minutes
I	Key words Reading	10 minutes	Phonics, spelling Number work Occasional topic work	15 minutes
2	Reading	10 minutes	Phonics, spelling Number work Occasional topic work	20 minutes
3	Reading	15 minutes	English, Maths Spellings, times tables Occasional topic work and Science	1 hour
4	Reading	15 minutes	English, Maths Spellings, times tables Occasional topic work and Science	1 ½ hours
5	Reading	20 minutes	English, Maths Spellings, times tables Occasional topic work and Science	2 hours
6	Reading	20 minutes	English, Maths Spellings, times tables Occasional topic work and Science	2 ½ hours