

Homework Policy

The Royal School Cavan offers a wide range of academic and practical subjects so as to provide our pupils with a full range of learning experiences.

We are most anxious that our pupils make good educational progress and we ask for the co-operation of teachers, parent(s)/guardian(s) and pupils to ensure that homework receives the time and attention it requires.

Homework is both written work, learning work, assigned revision and self directed work to reinforce and develop learning in the classroom.

The Royal School Homework Journal is compulsory for all pupils. It forms a means of communication between parent(s)/guardian(s), individual teachers, Form teachers and Year heads.

The Role of the Teacher

- To promote quality learning, which includes the setting of homework: written, learning, practical, revision or self directed.
- To ensure that pupils record the homework into their Journals.
- To ensure all homework is corrected or examined within an appropriate time frame.
- To impose sanctions on pupils who do not turn in good quality homework or present no homework and do not present a signed note from their form teacher.
- To communicate with parent(s)/guardian(s), a note may be written into the pupil's Journal to inform parent(s)/guardian(s) that no homework was presented in class.
- To record homework done or not done.

- To discuss at parent-teacher meetings any concerns relating to homework.

The Role of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

- In the interest of quality learning parent(s)/guardian(s) are asked to ensure that homework assignments are completed on time and that good quality work is presented in a neat and tidy fashion.
- It is important to ensure that your child has a routine for doing their homework. This routine should be established very early in the school year. The appropriate times for homework are as follows:

Form	Time(hrs)
2	2
3	2
4	2.5
Transition Year	2
5	2.5
6	3+

- Parental supervision may be required at intervals to ensure minimal distractions e.g. T.V, Computers, Mobile phones, mp3 players etc...
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) should sign the homework Journal every week.
- Homework for Junior and some senior day pupils should be checked on a nightly basis.
- Where legitimate reasons arise and homework cannot be completed, a note must be given to your child for school the following day explaining why your child could not complete homework given.

- Parent/guardian should attend parent-teacher meetings to discuss any homework concerns that may arise during the year.
- If a parent needs to talk to an individual teacher in relation to homework concerns, an appointment can be made to meet with the teacher through the headmasters office

The Role of the Pupil

- It is vital that all homework is completed on time and presented in class by the due date for correction.
- If homework cannot be completed on time a note must be presented to your form teacher, from home or from a member of the boarding staff, (in the case of boarders), explaining why. Pupils are expected to catch-up on homework missed and any class notes.
- Sanctions such as detention and/or punishment work will be given to pupils who repeatedly fail to hand up completed homework or have poorly attempted homework. Continuous infringements may result in the referral to the form-teacher and/or Year head.
- The school Journal is compulsory and must be presented in each class and for roll call.
- The Journal must be kept safe and remain free from any graffiti.
- All homework received must be entered into the homework Journal at the end of each class.
- Pupils must present the Journal to Parent(s)/Guardian(s) once a week for them to sign.
- Any notes home-to-parent(s)/guardian(s) via the Journal should be signed by your form-teacher before showing it to the teacher again.
- It is essential to develop a good routine for completing homework.

- Day pupils absent from classes due to extra-curricular activities must find out the homework given if back in school before 4:05pm, or if possible, contact a class member after 4:05pm.
- Any boarder pupils absent from classes due to extra-curricular activities must find out the homework given before supervised prep commences or the break during prep and complete it.
- The Following are the recommended times for homework:

Form	Time(hrs)
2	2
3	2
4	2.5
Transition Year	2
5	2.5
6	3+