

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL BALLYHALBERT
HOMEWORK POLICY



An inclusive, imaginative and inspiring Learning Community where everyone can be safe, healthy, happy and successful together.

Our school's success is largely due to the interest that you the parents take in the education of your children.

Homework is one major area where a point of contact between home and school may be fostered. It is a point where perhaps each evening, schoolroom and living room overlap. Learning at school affects and is affected by learning at home.

The Purpose of Homework

- To encourage pupils to develop the skills needed for independent learning.
- To consolidate, reinforce and extend the skills, knowledge and understanding developed in the classroom.
- To give parents an insight into what is happening in school and to share in their child's learning.
- To develop an effective partnership between school and parents.

The Role of the Parent or Carer

- To ensure that homework is completed.
- To provide a suitable quiet place to work.
- To talk about the homework and the importance of carrying out homework tasks.
- To check deadlines and help the child develop time management skills.
- To give praise for the successful completion of the work.
- To sign the completed work.
- To inform the teacher of any problems or difficulties the child is presenting in relation to the homework that could not be resolved at home.

Some homework is designed to produce parental involvement.

The minimum time to be given to homework tasks

class	Minimum time per night
P1	10 mins
P2	15 mins
P3	20 mins
P4	20 mins
P5	30 mins
P6	30 mins
P7	40 mins

Please note that the above times are approximate and are the minimum we would expect.

Homework Tasks (This may be subject to change on occasion following whole school agreement e.g. curriculum week etc)

	Task	Daily tasks
Monday	Maths Activity	Tables / Number bonds Reading book activities Spellings tasks
Tuesday	Literacy task	
Wednesday	Maths Activity	
Thursday	Phonics	
Friday	No formal homework set	

Organisational Issues

- There will be an explanation of what homework will be set, as part of the Induction afternoons in September.
- Daily tasks should be worked on every night for a short period of time alongside the main homework task.
- Homework grids and tasks are issued at the beginning of the week and should be signed when completed.
- If the tasks are taking too long to complete, parents may endorse unfinished work as having taken the allocated time.
- Parents should inform the teacher if there are persistent difficulties when completing homework.
- There may be occasions when no homework will be set.
- Teachers will inform parents if children are regularly failing to produce homework or if the standard of homework is unacceptable.
- Teachers may also give further ideas for topic work / research activities to be completed over longer periods

All items borrowed from school should be looked after carefully and returned to school at the proper time in good condition. A charge may occur or lost or damaged items.

This document is freely available to the entire school community and is available on the school website. It will be reviewed on a two yearly basis.

Signed – Chair of Governors: _____

Signed – Principal: _____

Date: _____ **Review Date:** _____