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Polasaí Obair Bhaile **Homework Policy**

Ráiteas Tosaigh

Bunaíodh coiste chun athbhreithnithe a dhéanamh ar an bpolasaí obair bhaile i mí na Samhna 2021. Araon le baill foirne, bhí beirt pháiste ó ranganna 5 & 6 agus beirt bhall de Chumann na dTuistí ar an gcoiste sin.

Introductory Statement

A committee to review and devise a policy in relation to homework for Gaelscoil Bheannttraí was established in November 2021. The committee consisted of two members of staff; two representatives of the parent body and two pupils from 5th and 6th class.

Réasúnaíocht

De bharr na cúiseanna thíosluaite a deineadh athbhreithniú ar an bpolasaí obair bhaile

- Bhí sé in am athbhreithniú ar an bpolasaí mar a bhí
- Caithfear obair ar líne, mar chuid den obair bhaile, a thabhairt san áireamh

Rationale

It is necessary to review and devise a policy on homework for Gaelscoil Bheannttraí at this time because

- *Existing policy is due for review.*
- *Policy needs to reflect an online element to homework.*

Nasc a chothú le spioraid na scoile

Ceann de phríomhaidhmeanna na scoile ná, go mbeadh deiseanna ag gach páiste barr a gcumais a bhaint amach. Tugann obair bhaile deis do pháiste oibriú go neamhspleach agus freagracht a bheith acu ar an obair sin.

Relationship to characterise spirit of the school

Gaelscoil Bheanntaí seeks to enable each child to develop his/her potential. Homework encourages pupils to work independently and take responsibility for their assignments.

Aidhmeanna

Tá foireann Gaelscoil Bheanntaí dóchasach go gcabhróidh an polasaí seo le

- caighdeán foghlama an pháiste a chothú
- obair scoile a cur i bhfeidhm
- scileanna staidéarachta na bpáistí a cothú agus a treisiú
- an cur chuige chéanna i dtaobh oibre ar scoil agus ag baile a chur chun cinn
- an nasc idir scoil agus bhaile a neartú

Aims

By introducing this policy in relation to homework the staff of Gaelscoil Bheanntaí ideally hopes that:

- *Homework will benefit pupils learning.*
- *Homework will reinforce work done in class by each pupil.*
- *Homework will cultivate and develop study skills in all pupils of Gaelscoil Bheanntaí.*
- *This policy will promote a similar approach to homework across all classes.*
- *Homework will strengthen links between home and school.*

Ábhar an pholasaithe

Téarmaí Ginearálta

- Gheobhaidh gach rang obair bhaile
- Beidh an obair bhaile chéanna ag gach páiste. Déanfar socruithe faoi leith do pháistí nuair a bhíonn gá leo.
- Meascán idir obair ó bhéal, scríbhneoireacht agus léitheoireacht a bheidh ann
- Míneoidh an múinteoir ranga an nasc idir an obair scoile agus an obair bhaile
- Gheobhaidh na páistí am chun an obair bhaile a scríobh ina ndialanna. Tabharfar bileog leis an obair bhaile uirthi do pháistí Naíonáin Bheaga agus Naíonáin Mhóra.
- Gheofar obair bhaile ón Luan go Déardaoin
- Ní mór do thuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí a chinntiú go bhfuil an obair déanta go críochnúil agus go mbíonn an dialann obair bhaile sínithe gach oíche.

- Go minic is maith le múinteoirí an obair bhaile a sheiceáil go laethiúil ach uaireanta le h-uimhreacha móra sna ranganna níl sé seo indéanta. I gcásanna faoi leith déanann na páistí roinnt den cheartúchán iad féin faoi threoir an mhúinteora. Is cuid usáideach den phróiséas foghlamtha é seo.
- Gheobhaidh páistí oíche saor ón obair bhaile ar a laethanta breithe (le cead an mhúinteora)
- Ní thabharfar aon obair bhaile ar oícheanta ar a mbeidh imeachtaí faoi leith ar siúl m.sh. seirbhísí sacraiminte, ceolchoirm, turas scoile &rl.
- Obair ar line, obair ó bhéal agus gníomhaíochtaí coirp a bheidh i gceist ar an Déardaoin.

Treoirlínte Ama

Naíonáin Bheaga	10 – 15 nóiméad
Naíonáin Mhóra	15 – 20 nóiméad
Rang 1	20 – 25 nóiméad
Rang 2	25 – 30 nóiméad
Rang 3	30 – 35 nóiméad
Rang 4	35 – 45 nóiméad
Rang 5	50 – 60 nóiméad
Rang 6	60 – 75 nóiméad

Content of policy

General

- *All classes will receive homework.*
- *Pupils in each class receive similar homework. Provision will be made for children with special needs according to their individual needs.*
- *There will be a balance in pupil's homework between oral work, reading and written work.*
- *Homework will be seen as reinforcement of work done in class and will be explained by class teacher before being given.*
- *Homework will be given each weekday night.*
- *Children will be given time during the school day to write the homework into their homework journal.*
- *Homework will be written on a homework sheet for Junior and Senior Infants which will be kept in their folders.*
- *Each parent/guardian will be expected to check and make sure their child's homework is done to their satisfaction. Parents/Guardians of each child are expected to sign their child's homework copybook or worksheets.*
- *Teachers will check and correct when necessary, the homework copy and journal daily. At times, due to large numbers this will not be practical. Under the teacher's supervision, children will sometimes correct their own work.*
- *Homework will be given regularly. Free homework will be given to pupils on their birthday if it happens to fall during the school year. If their birthday falls during the weekend or during school holidays, free homework will be given another night.*

- *Homework will not be given on special occasions during the school year, e.g. school tours. Field trips – this does not apply.*
- *Thursday night's homework is reserved for online learning and physical activity – no written homework will be given.*

The following are the recommended guidelines:

<i>Junior Infants</i>	<i>10 – 15 mins</i>
<i>Senior Infants</i>	<i>15 – 20 mins</i>
<i>First Class</i>	<i>20 – 25 mins</i>
<i>Second Class</i>	<i>25 – 30 mins</i>
<i>Third Class</i>	<i>30 – 35 mins</i>
<i>Fourth Class</i>	<i>35 – 45 mins</i>
<i>Fifth Class</i>	<i>50 – 60 mins</i>
<i>Sixth Class</i>	<i>60 – 75 mins</i>

- Ceartóidh na múinteoirí obair bhaile na bpáistí ar bhonn rialto. D'fhéadfadh an dar cóipleabhar obair bhaile a bheith de dhíth ar an bpáiste agus iad a úsáid gach ré oíche.
- Mar cuid den choras smachtbhanna beidh cead obair bhaile sa bhreis a bhronnadh ar pháistí má sháraíonn siad rialacha na scoile. Tógfar ionchur na dtuismitheoirí san áireamh roimh ré.
- Mar chuid den chóras luaíochta beidh cead níos lú obair bhaile a bhronnadh ar pháistí. Is é/í an múinteoir ranga a dhéanfaidh na cinntí seo.
- Muna mbíonn obair bhaile críochnaithe/déanta ag páistí iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí nóta míniúcháin a chur ar scoil. Muna mbíonn nóta míniúcháin ag páiste beidh ar an bpáiste an obair bhaile a chríochnú ag am sosa.
- Muna éiríonn le páiste an obair bhaile a chríochnú laistigh den am molta (thuaslúaithe) ní mór don pháiste stopadh. Iarrfar ar thuismitheoirí nóta míniúcháin a chur ar scoil má tharlaíonn a leithéid seo.
- Bíodh an obair bhaile seiceáilte agus sínithe ag pé duine atá i bhfeighil ar an bpáiste agus an obair bhaile á dhéanamh acu.
- Muna mbíonn an obair bhaile déanta go críochnúil agus go slachtmhar (ar an gcaighdeán gur féidir leis an bpáiste) beidh ar an bpáiste é a dhéanamh arís.
- Má thagann athrú ar saol an pháiste a d'fhéadfadh cur isteach ar chumas an pháiste an obair bhaile a dhéanamh, níor mór an scoil a chur ar an eolas.
- *Teachers will correct the pupil's homework regularly. Each child may have two homework copybooks if necessary. The children will use one copybook while the teacher corrects the other.*
- *Homework will be used as part of the system of sanctions where teachers can give extra homework to children as a result of questionable behaviour following discussion with parents.*
- *Homework will be used as a part of a system of rewards where some or all of the homework may be given free to children. This will be at the discretion of the class teacher.*
- *If homework is not done by a pupil a note of explanation needs to be written by his/her parent/guardian and given to the class teacher. In the event of no note being produced, e.g. pupils have to do homework at break-time.*

- *If homework is untidy the teacher may request the child to do it again during school hours.*
- *If homework is particularly well done the child will be rewarded. This will be done at the discretion of the class teacher.*
- *If the time spent doing homework exceeds the recommended time for that particular class the child should stop. A written note of explanation needs to be given to the class teacher the next day.*
- *If children attend a home work club after school the adult responsible for the monitoring of their work may sign the homework copybook, having checked it.*
- *If there is a change in family circumstances which affects the child's homework it would be expected that this would be brought to the attention of the class teacher.*

Páistí

Maidir le hobair bhaile caithfidh páiste:

- *É a dhéanamh go slachtmhar agus go críochnúil*
- *Síniú a thuismitheoir/chaomhnóir a fháil nuair atá siad críochnaithe*
- *Cabhair a lorg ó dhuine fásta nuair is gá*
- *An múinteoir ranga a chur ar an eolas má tá deachrachaí acu (nó na thuismitheoirí an t-eolas sin a roinnt leis an múinteoir)*

Pupils

Pupils have responsibilities in relation to the homework he/she is given

- *Pupils are expected to complete their homework as best as they can.*
- *Pupils are expected to show their completed homework to their parent/guardian/responsible adult.*
- *Pupils are expected to ask for help if they experience difficulties with their homework.*
- *Pupils are expected to make the class teacher aware of any problems they may be experiencing with their homework. For younger children it would be expected that their parent/guardian would do this on their behalf.*

Tuismitheoirí/Caomhnóirí

Maidir leis an obair bhaile iarrtar ar thuismitheoirí/chaomhnóirí

- *Spreagadh agus moladh dearfach a thabhairt don pháiste.*
- *Go mbíonn am faoi leith ann nuair a bheidh an obair bhaile idir lámh ag an bpáiste*
- *Go bhfuil an suíomh ina déantar an obair bhaile ciúin agus compordach*
- *Deimhniú go bhfuil an obair bhaile déanta go barr a gcumais agus sínithe agat nuair atá*
- *Go bhfuil tú ar fáil chun cabhair a thabhairt nuair atá gá leis*
- *Go gcuimhníonn tú gur rud nádúrtha do pháiste roinnt botún a dhéanamh agus go bhfoghlaimeoidh siad astu.*

- Go mbíonn amanna ann nuair is ceart an obair bhaile a fhágaint go dtí níos déanaí, chun go seachnófar aighneas idir thusmitheoir agus pháiste
- Gan an obair bhaile a dhéanamh don pháiste
- A thuiscint go bhfuil foireann na scoile ar fáil má tá cabhair de dhíth ort m.sh. fadhbanna teanga

Parents/Guardians

Parents/Guardians have responsibilities for their child's homework.

- *Parents/guardians are encouraged to establish a routine for doing homework which is appropriate to their child. Agree on a set time for homework with your child. It may be advantageous to give them some element of choice e.g., homework is done between 5.30 and 7.30 each evening, but the children start and finish at a time of their choosing, within that time frame.*
- *Make sure your child is sitting comfortably at a table.*
- *Be consistent. Discuss, monitor and sign the homework copybook every night.*
- *Children in the senior classes 3^d-6th should be encouraged to complete the homework, working independently.*
- *Try to avoid confrontation with your child over homework. If you are getting impatient it's best to stop and try to come back to it a little later.*
- *Allow your child to make mistakes. Rather than correct them all of the time, encourage them to find and correct their own mistakes. Children must be able to accept making mistakes is part of the learning process and it's important that they are willing to go back and try a different method or approach.*
- *If you display undue anxiety about a child's homework, it creates tension within the child. Acknowledge effort, honesty and enthusiasm. This way, your child will progress and develop at his/her own pace, in a safe and relaxed environment.*
- *The school will take into consideration the language and literacy levels etc of individual families. The class teacher will make a recording of the child's reading. The class teacher will be happy to write the words phonetically for the parents/guardians.*

Critéir Ratha

I measc na gcomharthaí dearfach lena dhéanfar measúnú ar an bpolasaí seo ná:

- Aiseolas ó mhúinteoirí, thuismitheoirí agus páistí
- Obair bhaile a slachtmhar agus críochnúil a bheith déanta ag páistí
- Measúnú leanúnach ar an bpolasaí

Success Criteria

Some practical indicators of the success of this policy will be:

- *Feedback from teachers, pupils and parents.*

- *Satisfactory homework exercises and assignments submitted by pupils.*
- *Ongoing meetings will be held to assess the success of the homework policy.*

Rólanna agus Freagrachtaí

Iad seo a leanas a bheidh freagrach as an nithe éagsúla an pholasáí:

- An múinteoir ranga
- Na páistí
- An Príomhoide
- Tuismitheoirí/Caomhnóirí

Roles and Responsibility

Those who have particular responsibilities for aspects of the policy are:

- *The class teacher*
- *Each individual child*
- *The Principal*
- *Parents/ Guardian*

Dáta Feidhmithe

Beidh an polasáí seo i bhfeidhm ón dáta daingíúcháin

Implementation Date

The homework policy will apply from ratification date.

Cláráma Athbhreithnithe

Déanfar athbhreithniú ar an bpolasáí seo go bliantúil.

Timetable for review

The homework policy will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Daingniú agus Cumarsáid

Dhein an Bord Bainistíochta an polasáí seo a dhaingniú ar _____. Ina dhiaidh sin cuireadh é ar fáil do phobal na scoile.

Déanfaidh an Bord Bainistíochta athbhreithniú ar an bpolasáí seo ar _____.

Ratification and Communication

The Board of Management officially ratified the homework policy on _____. Following this, the homework policy was circulated to the school community.

The Board of Management ratified the review of the policy on _____.

Síniú an Chathaoirligh _____

Síniú an Phríomhoide _____