

St. Joseph's N.S. Brackloon
Homework Policy

Aims:

- To reinforce and consolidate work done in classroom.
- To instil a sense of self-discipline in the pupil.
- To involve parents in their children's education.
- Homework to be seen as a positive element of the pupil's schooling.

Procedures/Guidelines

- Homework should be an integral part of the subject being taught and given in order to consolidate work done, not as an exercise in isolation.
- Homework should never be given unless the teacher has thoroughly explained what is to be done.
- Homework must be consistent, a small amount and given in such a way as to form a pattern for the pupils so that they are more likely to remember it.
- Parents are encouraged to supervise pupils; homework, check and sign it, and ensure that it is neat and in keeping with the standard of their work in school.
- Teachers will check that homework is being done and will give extra help where difficulties occur.
- The remedial teacher sets homework for the children in her own group.
- Homework for pupils in Infant classes should not normally take longer than 15 minutes.
- Homework for pupils in 1st/2nd classes should not normally take longer than 30 minutes.
- Homework for pupils in 3rd/4th classes should not normally take longer than 40 minutes.
- Homework for pupils in 5th/6th classes should not normally take longer than 1 hour 30 minutes.