

East Glendalough School

Homework Policy

1. **Use of Homework Journals:**

All teachers aim to end all classes 2-3 minutes prior to bell to request that Journals be taken out, and to give work to be done at home.

This can be written work, reading, learning, revising, writing up of notes, completion of a task- a major piece of work or a minor, very simple task or any work considered useful. - It must be written in the Journal by the student.

2. When a “formal/written” homework is not being set, **teachers should set “study work” to be done for homework.** Junior Students will need guidance as to what *study* means.

For our students at Junior Cert level (years 1-3)

“*Study*” means:

- a. revise and learn the following....
- b. write out and learn the following..
- c. read and summarise the following paragraphs for your notes
- d. Re-read you notes on this topic and learn

Different phrasing and approaches will need to be used for each subject and teachers will need to customise the approach in their subject to best achieve the goal of students using time at home to learn material.

3. **Checking work/study has been done.**

This will be vital.

Written Homework should be collected and corrected, as usual, and as appropriate in each subject area.

Notes written up as part of study work may be collected for review periodically.

Learning Work may be tested formally or informally as deemed appropriate.

The aim is to foster a culture of expecting work to be revised and learned.

4. **Telling Students what the course is** and the time plan to get work covered

Ten minutes every 4/5 weeks can be very usefully spent looking at the contents page of a textbook. Reviewing what has been covered and pointing out where the class is heading. Explaining time restrictions and what is being prioritised by you can be important too.

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