Darley National School
Homework Policy

Homework is given as a means of revising and consolidating the work done in school. We would advise you to check your child's work and remain in regular contact with the child's teacher by signing homework nightly.

The following points should also be noted with regards to homework:

- Set aside a quiet regular time for homework
- The child should be sitting comfortably at the table
- Encourage your child to keep books and copies clean and tidy
- If your child is working independently, be available to help and show interest in what is being done. Praise your child's efforts at every opportunity.
- If working with your child and you feel yourself becoming impatient, stop, don't bully or threaten – this will have a negative effect.
- If your child is persistently having problems with homework, contact the class teacher and discuss the difficulties
- Homework journals should be signed each night by parent or guardian. If for any reason homework cannot be done, let the class teacher know by writing a short note
- Do not allow children to watch television while doing homework.

While homework is given with the average child in the class in mind, obviously some children will get it completed more quickly than others. **Remember that work completed quickly and carelessly is not work completed properly.**

When considering the amount of time spent on homework, one must not include time spent on doing other unrelated activity e.g. wandering off to play. Time spent depends on the child's concentration, ability and application.

Please see below the recommended homework times which should operate in normal circumstances (keeping the above guidelines in mind):

- Junior and Senior Infants – 15 to 20 minutes max
- 1st and 2nd class – up to 30 minutes max
- 3rd and 4th class – up to 45 minutes max
- 5th and 6th class – up to 1 hour max