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THE SCHOOL JOURNAL

The School Journal was introduced in September 2006 to assist Teachers, Students and Parents. The homework journal is a significant feature of school policy and forms an important channel of communication between teachers and parents.

Homework and home learning can provide an excellent opportunity for parents to become actively involved in their children's learning, giving them a window on school work.

Staff Meetings highlighted concerns over homework completion and what might be termed low-level disruption such as student 'lates', small breaches of school rules and toilet visits. It was hoped that the school journal would help address some of these issues.

The School Journal contains a range of information on:

- Classroom Rules.
- Homework Guidelines.
- Code of Conduct/Discipline.
- Information on the School Discipline System.
- The Care Room.
- Curriculum Options.
- School Policy on mobile phones.

Goals:

- Students can make a record of homework given.
- Allows teachers to communicate with parents.
- Provides an opportunity for parents to communicate with teachers.
- Allows a record to be made of:
 1. No Homework/No Books/No Equipment
 2. Misbehaviour.
 3. Late for Class.
 4. Leaving School early.
 5. Breach of Uniform.
 6. Visits to the toilet.
- Provides a record of absence for teachers and parents.
- Allows parents to check homework. (A common concern for parents is that students do not get enough homework).

A homework journal is a significant feature of the policy and forms an important channel of communication between teachers and parents. Homework plays a vital role in reinforcing learning and supports work done with pupils in the classroom. Parents provide encouragement and motivation for completion of homework.

Students must have the Journal in school with them at all times. This should be signed each week by the parents.

The Journal must be maintained in an acceptable condition.

At the start of each week students should fill in the subjects for each day as this will allow students to record homework in class quickly and efficiently.

Homework

Students are expected to be fully prepared for their class each day. This will require careful study at home to ensure that written assignments and memory work set in class are completed thoroughly. All homework must be recorded in the diary during each class on a daily basis. Homework should also include the time for study and revision.

Replacement Journals

Students are given a new School Journal at the beginning of each school year. Defaced/Lost Journals are replaced at a cost of €10.