



Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin Homework Policy

1.1 Scope

This policy applies to students of Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin, their parents/guardians and teachers in the school.

1.2 Rationale

This policy has been put in place so as all stakeholders recognise the responsibilities they have in relation to homework, and to protect our guiding principles of fairness, respect and integrity. Homework is given to support student's learning and to enhance student's attainment of new concepts.

1.3 Links to the School Ethos

Homework plays an important role in developing learning at Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin. The school aims to create a learning environment for all pupils, where every support is given to fulfil one's academic, personal, social and moral potential.

1.4 Context

This Policy has been developed and should be read with the school's guiding principles of respect, fairness and integrity in mind, and in conjunction with Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin's Code of Behaviour and Acceptable Usage Policy.

1.5 Aims

The aims of this policy are:

- a) To ensure that pupils maximise the benefits to them from the learning opportunities that homework provides.
- b) To highlight the responsibilities of all members of the school community.
- c) To protect Gaelcholáiste Charraig Uí Leighin's guiding principles of respect, honesty and integrity.
- d) To give guidance as to time spent on homework.

2. Policy Content

- a) We believe that homework has a central part to play in students learning and it is necessary to prescribe homework to support work done in class.
- b) We recognise the importance of a balanced lifestyle for all our students, between homework, schoolwork, hobbies and free time.
- c) Every subject will have different requirements as to the amount of homework prescribed on a weekly and/or daily basis. Teachers will, as far as is possible, try to ensure that students will not have too much homework on any given night. The amount of time to be spent on homework should be given to the students when prescribing homework. It is the student's responsibility to record this recommended time.
- d) The school recommends that students spend approximately one and a half hours per day doing homework in First Year, two hours per day in Second Year, two and a half hours per day in Third Year, one hour per day in Transition Year, two and a half hours per day in Fifth Year and three hours per day in Sixth Year. Note that these are estimated guidelines.
- e) Homework can take many different forms including writing, learning, aural, oral, revision, reading, preparation, study and research.
- f) It is the student's responsibility to write the homework in their journal at the end of each class.
- g) All prescribed homework will be corrected.
- h) Feedback will be provided on homework to support learning.
- i) Students will correct their own mistakes, using a prescribed correcting system.
- j) A record will be kept of all prescribed and completed homework.
- k) A note will be placed in the student's journal entered on VS Ware if homework is incomplete. It is the student's responsibility to get this note signed by a parent/guardian before the next school day. The student must present this note to the teacher the next day. The Code of Behaviour will apply if necessary.
- l) If a student is absent from class or from school, or at a school event, it is the student's responsibility to get all prescribed work and notes up to date from a classmate prior to returning to school. Pupils who are self-isolating due to Covid-19 can work from home.

- m) A note from a parent/guardian in the student's journal is required if a student is unable to complete their homework. Homework should then be completed for the next class in that subject.
- n) Student Journals must be organised and neat. Parents/Guardians must sign the journal each week.
- o) Student Journals and VS Ware are inspected regularly.
- p) Continuous help, advice and support is given to students regarding study skills.
- q) We expect a high standard of organisation and self-management from our pupils. Support is given to those that need help with these skills.

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management of Gaelcholáiste Charrraig Uí Leighin on December 7th 2017.

It was last reviewed on January 30th, 2024.

This Policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management on an annual basis, and/ or as is deemed necessary.

It has been made available to all school partners and will be reviewed regularly.

