Scoil Assaim Policy re Homework

It is the policy of Scoil Assaim to set homework on a regular basis. Students are expected to complete their homework to a high standard. It is expected of parents/authority figures at home that they will sign the homework and also note the time spent working.

Homework is given Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It is left to the individual teacher's discretion as to whether homework is assigned at week-ends.

Further, it is left to the individual teacher's discretion as to what comprises homework e.g. learning, written, practical, project work, research, etc. As to time spent at homework, this will vary according to class, the individual's abilities, etc. The following is a guide as to how much time should be spent on homework.

- 2nd class : 30 minutes
- 3rd class : 45 minutes
- 4th class : 1 hour
- 5th and 6th classes : 1½ hours

If, for any reason, homework is not done, a note must be presented to the Class Teacher.

In Scoil Assaim, we consider homework important for the following reasons:

- It enables the student to review, revise and practise work done in school.
- It enables the teacher to gauge the pupil's grasp of what has been taught in school.
- It enables the parents to see what is being taught in school.
- It enables the parents to take an active part in their children's education e.g. by listening to the pupil reciting a poem; by examining spelling, etc.

Homework, therefore, is an important link between school and home and constitutes a significant component of our school plan. The Scoil Assaim Homework Diary enables the teacher to send and receive notes re behaviour, progress, effort, standard of work, etc.

This policy was developed following consultation with a representative group of parents and teachers in 2006. It was ratified by the Board of Management for the school year 2006/07.
It has been reviewed annually; no changes have been made to the original agreed policy.