



## SCHOOL

# POLICY

<b>Policy Name:</b>	Homework Policy
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Integrated Education has been one of the most significant social developments within Northern Ireland in the last 40 years. Priory wears its Integrated ethos and practice with pride, Integration is prioritised by school leadership and is led by the Principal, BOGs and a drive team, under the leadership of the newly appointed Integration Co-ordinator. The four core principles of integrated education - **equality, faith and values, parental involvement** and **social responsibility** are central in all we do. Integration and Inclusion remains high on the agenda of the college and we will endeavour to make sure that every child is welcomed and taught in a safe and nurturing Priory College.

### College Mission Statement

Priory Integrated College welcomes children from all traditions, cultures and abilities. Together, we aim to empower every child to reach their full potential, in a nurturing, caring environment which upholds respect and excellence for all.

## **Homework Policy**

### **Why Do Value Homework?**

At Priory Integrated College believe that homework is an important part of every pupil's learning and helps to raise standards.

Homework helps pupils to reflect on what they have already learnt in class, as well as preparing them to take the next step in their learning. In addition, it helps them become independent learners, which is an employability skill that is vital for their future success.

Homework helps teachers to assess pupils' progress. It gives us an insight into what pupils can do without the assistance of the teacher. This then helps them take steps to provide additional support, stretch or challenge as required.

Homework helps parents / carers get more involved with their child's education. It helps them to see what their child is learning in school and gives them the opportunity to support this learning at home.

### **What Tasks Are Set for Homework?**

Homework comes in many different forms depending on the subject and the topic being studied. Examples include: writing an essay or story in English, reading a text and taking note of the main points in History, answering questions about maps and charts in Geography, practicing French vocabulary, completing exercises in Mathematics, drawing, painting or taking photographs for Art, researching a topic on the internet for LLW, learning for a test in Science.

### **How Much Homework?**

Homework will be set for your child in all subjects on a regular basis. The amount your child receives will depend on:

- Their age;
- The subject / course.

### **How Do I Help My Child With Homework?**

As a parent / carer you can support your child with their homework by:

- Ensuring they have a quiet comfortable place to study, where there are no distractions such as TV, mobile phones and social media;
- Encouraging a set routine for doing homework at an agreed time each evening;
- Helping them to balance the demands of completing homework with other activities and hobbies;
- Showing an interest in what homework has been set and ensuring it is completed on time;
- Praising your child for making a good effort with his / her homework.

### **What Should I Do if I Have a concern About Homework?**

If you have a query about a specific homework, please contact the subject teacher directly in the first instance. If your concerns are of a more general nature, please contact your child's Form Tutor.

### **Do I Want More Information?**

If you require more detailed information on homework, please refer to the departmental policies available for each subject on our college website.