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Dear Parents/ Carers

We are always looking for ways to encourage our children to become more independent and improve their learning experiences with us. Homework is an extension of the learning opportunities that happen within the classroom. We want your child to be successful with their learning through homework.

Guidelines for homework in our Homework Policy are as follows-

- The expectation in Key Stage 1 (children in years 1-2) is for children to read every night and to practise their spellings. This is equal to approximately 1 hour over the course of a week if a good routine is established.
- In years 3 and 4 we expect children to spend approximately 60-90 minutes per week on homework (around 15 minutes per night).
- In years 5 and 6 children should spend 150 minutes per week (or around 30 minutes per night, including reading activities) on homework.
- The timings each week do not mean that a child will have exactly 30 minutes per night (if in years 5 or 6) - it could mean that a task may take children 10 minutes one night but 40 minutes another.

Our guidelines and expectations are in line with the Department for Education and other Local National schools. We believe that parents and carers play a vital role in their child's education, including supporting homework. The paperwork you signed when your child joined the academy states your agreement to support this process.

Currently, homework is given out by class teachers and varies in each class as outlined above. This is completed and returned in time by most children. Thank you for your help in making sure this happens. Unfortunately, this is not the case for all children and can put them at a disadvantage, so we are setting up sessions during each dinnertime for **children who have not completed and returned homework on time.** Our expectations remain the same, that homework needs to be done at home, but these sessions will provide an additional opportunity for the few children who haven't been able to complete work at home.

If you need any further information on homework or to see the homework policy, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or myself. Further tips can be found on the homework leaflet enclosed with this letter.

Kind regards

Mrs P. Maycock
Principal

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