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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Homework

Thank you to all of you who have followed the guidance and instructions to access MS Teams at home this weekend. We understand that this is a very different way of accessing homework and communication and we will continue to find ways to support and advise any of you who are experiencing any difficulties.

It is important that we continue to use MS Teams to set homework as this is the learning platform that we will use for any pupils needing to self-isolate, if we need to close any year group bubbles or if the government take the country back into national lockdown and close schools again. It is crucial that children don't miss out on education and by using this platform teachers will be able to support learning remotely meaning parents and children can continue to access their year group curriculum at home.

Our view is that by setting homework on this platform we will be able to familiarise ourselves with the technology involved ahead of any bubble closure or lockdown situation, whilst also limiting the potential transmission of viruses by reducing the need to bring paper books in and out of school and also reduce the amount of paper we send out which is better for the environment.

This letter is designed to explain our process of completing homework.

Home learning books will be sent home with each child this Thursday (1st October). The book then remains at home.

On Teams in the assignments section each class will have an assignment set for them to complete. **This assignment doesn't need to be completed on a digital device.** You just need to view the assignment on the screen to look at the instructions. If there is any recording needed for the task (e.g. writing or drawing) this is done in their home learning book or if you prefer they can use an app on the computer such as word/excel/PowerPoint.





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To submit their work, a photograph is taken of the relevant page in their home learning book or of the child completing the activity if it is a practical task and then you upload this photograph to submit the assignment. This photograph can then be viewed by the class teacher only and they will provide some brief feedback on the task. Alternatively if they have completed the task using Word/Excel/PowerPoint they can then attach this and submit the work.

We understand that this is going to take some time to get used to and we ask that if you are experiencing any difficulties you talk to a member of staff who will do their best to support you.

You can get access to MS Teams on most devices that access the internet including smart phones.

Homework is set on a Thursday and due in on the following Tuesday.

Year R and 1 will have a task that consolidates the learning they have been doing that week. It may be on a variety of subjects and involve practical tasks and some simple recording tasks.

Years 2 to 6 will have a task set on Teams to consolidate learning relevant to the learning that week as also an activity set on **My Maths** that they can access online using www.mymaths.co.uk

For this first homework, your child will need to find an unusual spot to read in for 10 minutes. We ask that you take a photo of them reading in this spot and then upload this photo on the assignment section in Teams. This is a really good practise of uploading a photo for evidence of the homework. Please be assured that the photo you upload will only be accessed by the class teacher and no-one else can get access to it as this is a secure platform.

Thank you for your assistance with this new way of accessing homework.

Kind regards

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