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Dear Parent / Carer

As adults we all understand that learning does not stop when we leave school or at the end of the working day, but pupils sometimes need to be supported and encouraged so they can see the need for further work after a day at school.

Homework is important as it is a valuable aid in helping pupils make the most of their experience in school. In addition, it is useful to reinforce what has been learned in class, and prepares students for upcoming lessons. It also teaches pupils to be responsible for their own time and to develop positive study habits both of which are skills they will need if they are to be successful adults in the real world.

The completion of homework is vital and parental engagement plays an important role in making homework a positive experience. Therefore we ask that parents/carers check pupil's planner to see what homework has been set and also check Go4Schools for any online homework messages. Preferably this should be done on a daily basis or at least weekly when signing your child's planner. Some pupils will be able to manage their time and organise the completion of their work without support but in recent weeks a number of pupils appear to have found getting homework completed on time a challenge or have clearly rushed it resulting in poor quality work that does not bolster their understanding of the topic. Parents can also help by making homework a top priority, provide necessary supplies, a quiet environment to work, regular praise and by not letting pupils avoid homework!

Within school we offer homework club once a week on Thursdays. These lunchtime sessions are run in the library by Miss Ling where she works with pupils to help them get work completed. In addition, the SSC is available every day for homework support from the TAs, many of whom have been in the lessons and understand what was being taught and what is expected.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and pupils that it is their responsibility to catch up on missed work if they have been away from lessons for any reason. Pupils need to know what they have missed in order to understand the next lesson. Therefore, please encourage your son/daughter to see staff as soon as they return to school from an absence so staff can either provide them with work to complete or talk through what they missed.

Finally I would encourage all parents to talk with their son/daughter about their learning, telling others about a topic or theme is one of the best ways to help them remember.

If you have any questions, or your son/daughter is unsure about pieces of homework, please contact the class teacher in the first instance so they can support them to feel confident with the topic and meet their deadline.

Yours faithfully



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