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Dear Parent/Carer

Homework – My Child at School App

We are excited to announce that we will be taking our homework provision into the My Child at School (MCAS) app. It has been evident for some time that Google Classroom, while being brilliant at some things, has not given families (or us as a school) clear enough oversight of all homework that is being set. Solving this has been a key long-term aim of us launching the app for families over the last year and we have worked with staff to make sure this is possible over the past few weeks.

From today, Monday 16 October, you will have access to the 'Homework' page on the app. This will give you details of any homework that your child is being set including who by and when it is due.

Some homework tasks set may simply be directing your child to a different platform (MathsWatch, Google Classroom, Educake etc) or perhaps a good old-fashioned worksheet in their book. Whatever the format of the work, the setting should be in one place (MCAS), which will allow you much clearer oversight of what your child is being asked to do.

Alongside this, we have launched the 'Student Portal' app for students. This provides similar information to MCAS but is designed for students. Students can sign into this platform using the 'Sign in with Google' button and logging into it via their school account. We would encourage all students to login to this platform so they have their homework clearly organised.

Finally, a key part of being able to support with homework is knowing what your child is learning. On our website, you will find, under the 'Curriculum' heading, a page for each subject. The aim is for each subject to have clear overviews for the year, which you can view and see what your child is learning. If these do not already exist on the website they are coming soon, but all subjects have a page to give you an idea.

The reports you will receive for your child this year will also reference the current and next topics for your child, which will help start those learning conversations at home. Again, these areas were a key part of family feedback over the past year and we are pleased to try to help families have more clarity.

As with anything that is new, please do let us know if there are any particular successes or areas for improvement. Please do let us know if you have any questions or thoughts and we will see what we can do to help.

Yours sincerely

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