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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Homework

I am writing to ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete their homework. I was really surprised last week to discover that over a third of children in each Learning Zone have completed no homework at all since returning to school in September.

Homework is always a controversial issue and we try hard to get a reasonable balance because whether you believe in homework or not, the reality is that every child at secondary school is expected to complete a huge amount of homework and we would be failing in preparing our children for secondary school if they were not used to completing homework.

Homework is also important in reinforcing the learning which has taken place in school and research shows that children who do complete homework and read at home with an adult tend to achieve better outcomes.

For the Amethyst and Sapphire Learning Zone, the children have to read an assigned reading book alongside a Literacy/Maths activity. This activity recaps and reinforces the learning that has taken place that week.

In Ruby, Emerald and Diamond homework consists of Times Tables Rock Star and Spelling Shed.

In an attempt to engage children in completing their homework we have introduced an incentive scheme starting this week.

In Early Years and Key Stage One (Amethyst & Sapphire), if your child completes their homework their name is entered into the Wheel of Fortune and they could win a dip in the Prize Box at our celebration assembly each Friday.

In Key Stage Two (Ruby, Emerald & Diamond), if they complete their homework their name will be entered into the Wheel of Fortune and they stand to win a £5 voucher!

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If your child has a SEND (Special Educational Need or Disability) need and it is stated in their SEND Support Plan that their homework is different from their peers, their name will still be entered into the Wheel of Fortune and they will not be discriminated against.

We also understand that some families find it hard to ensure their child completes their homework due to their individual challenging circumstances. I would ask you to have a conversation with your child's teacher if this is the case and we will do all we can to support you.

We hope that this incentive scheme will help children to be self-motivated to complete their homework but thank you so much in advance for your support in encouraging your child in their work.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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