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Dear Parents and Guardians

In order to further promote achievement within all year groups, the School's Homework Policy is being revisited.

Homework is important because it is at the intersection between home and school. Research has also found that through practice and participation in learning tasks, homework can improve a child's achievement. Thus, it would be expected that if homework were completed accurately, not only would the child's general knowledge and grades improve but the child would also increase mastery of basic academic skills, such as reading, writing, spelling and mathematics.

Homework can provide other benefits. A child's ability to bring a task home, gather and organise necessary materials to complete the task, return the assignment on time and receive feedback, strengthens his or her sense of responsibility and organisational skills. There is also improved development of personal skills such as time management gained by completing homework.

The Welsh Government Assembly recognises the important contribution that homework makes to students' progress at school, and in helping them to achieve high standards, through:

- consolidating work done in lessons
- encouraging pupils to extend and develop independent learning skills
- allowing individuals to work at a pace that is appropriate to their abilities.

The Welsh Government Assembly also states that homework partnerships with parents, carers and students can extend high quality learning experiences beyond the school day. From the school's perspective there is the opportunity to monitor students' independent progress. For parents there is the potential to gain a greater appreciation of education and to express positive attitudes towards their children's achievement. Due to this, we would like to invite you to share your views on how you view the current situation and what practice you would like to see introduced.

We hope that you will take the time to complete the survey below either by hand or by email so that we can fully take your views into account and extend the homework partnership between yourselves and the School.

Yours faithfully

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