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Dear Parent/Carer,

New Home School Learning Policy

I am writing to inform you about our new home school learning policy. Our aim to enhance your child's learning experience, promote knowledge retention, and foster a love of learning.

Over the last two months we have discussed home learning with students, parents, advocates, and staff. We have identified what is working well and areas for further development. This information, alongside the latest academic research has been used to identify five key principles upon which to build the new approach:

1. Enable students to know and do more.
2. Directly link to the classroom curriculum.
3. Provide opportunities to deepen understanding and develop a love of learning.
4. Provide quality acknowledgement and feedback.
5. Make use of smart systems and technology and make better use of teacher input.

Our new home learning policy is focused on supporting long-term knowledge retention and ensuring students apply what they have learned. It also provides opportunities for students to take their learning further; explore topics in-depth; and develop a love for learning. Moreover, our policy also aims to motivate and reward students for their efforts beyond the classroom.

There are three 'types' of home learning with which students will engage:

- In Key Stages 3 & 4, 'Knowledge Retrieval' tasks, which are designed to take approximately 20 minutes to complete and are set in accordance with the published schedule.
- Optional 'Take It Further' tasks, designed to challenge thinking and promote creativity, will be set each half term.
- Complete at least 30 minutes of reading per week, choosing from our digital library or other appropriate materials.

For knowledge retrieval tasks, students will receive acknowledgement and feedback as often as possible in different ways. These will include traditional written/verbal feedback and praise as well as making use of newer technologies. For example, teachers may give verbal feedback and praise via Showbie or use auto marking software such as Socrative and Seneca for knowledge retrieval tasks.

Take It Further task encourage the students to develop the learning habits they need to thrive. Teachers, therefore, will provide high quality individual feedback for all tasks completed. In additions students will receive significantly increased rewards to recognise quality, engagement, and effort.

We encourage parents to create a positive learning environment at home. Suggestions can be found on our website [here](#). Showbie will provide task details and due dates.

Thank you for your support in implementing our home school learning policy. Together, we can create an environment that inspires our students to excel in their home learning tasks.

If you have further questions, or would like more information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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