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Dear Parent/Carer

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**Re: Homework**

I am writing to let you know that the last set of homework will be issued on Seesaw at the end of this week and no further homework will be set after Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 on Seesaw. This is to allow our system to be closed down and archived for this academic year and to allow time for the new Learning Zone accounts to be set up ready for September.

I have also been asked by parents whether or not 'catch up' homework will be issued for children to complete during the school holidays.

We have purposefully chosen not to provide 'catch up' Summer School over the holidays as we do not believe that this is the best way forward for our children. Our teaching teams know exactly where every single child is and what we need to do to support them to 'catch up' any gaps.

We have comprehensive plans in place for the Autumn Term to allow us to do this. If children are being expected to do lots of additional work over the Summer holidays, this could switch them off to learning and will make our job much harder in the Autumn Term when they return to school as reluctant learners.

We have all been through an unprecedented year which has been challenging beyond endurance at times. I would like think that our children, our parents and our staff team can all have a peaceful and restful break which is something we all need.

Please do not worry about your child 'catching up' and doing extra work during the holidays. If you want to keep them busy encourage them to read, practise their phonics, practise their times tables, write stories or diary entries about their holiday but please do not put too much pressure on them or yourselves.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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