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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Homework

We are currently experiencing a significant reduction in children across the whole school not completing their homework.

I appreciate that 'homework' is a contentious issue with children not wanting to do any; parents/carers finding it hard to find time to support their child(ren) to do it and the time it takes teachers to set, assess and record it. It is even more unpopular when teachers have to give up their break time to supervise children who have not completed any homework.

However, as unpopular as it is – homework is here to stay.

In terms of getting our children ready for secondary school it is an expectation that primary schools set homework. However, those of you who have children at secondary school know that our level of homework does not compare to the amount set at secondary school which is often a huge shock for parents and children.

We are currently holding a review of homework in terms of barriers, content, format and amount expected but before making any decisions we would like to get your thoughts and opinions. As such, you will shortly receive a short Microsoft Forms survey via text and I would ask that you please spare a couple of minutes to respond to the survey to inform our decision making.

Yours sincerely

Mrs D Cross

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