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Dear Parent/Carer

As I mentioned in my letter last week, this year we have reviewed our homework policy to ensure all students engage and complete homework to a good standard. If you were unable to join us on our live broadcast you will be able to watch this back [HERE](#). In the live broadcast, I outlined the key changes to homework this year. Our homework program went live yesterday, therefore I have outlined some key points and FAQs for your information:

Why is homework important?

Homework activities vary significantly depending on the subject. However, research from the Education Endowment Foundation stresses the importance of homework, particularly, if it is sequenced with the taught curriculum. Data suggests that on average homework can add five months of progress on to a secondary child. This is also reinforced by our trust, United Learning with the top 10 schools having the best completion rates on packages like Sparx, Tassomai or Seneca.

What are the homework expectations for my child?

Each Key Stage has clear expectations in our updated homework policy which can be found [HERE](#). For a Key Stage 3 child a piece of homework should range from 30 minute to one hour per subject. At Key Stage 4 this will increase up to one hour and 30 minutes and at Key Stage 5 this will increase to two hours. The frequency of homework varies depending on the subject. You can find all of the information about frequency on our homework help page [HERE](#)

How do I know what homework has been set?

Every student has a school planner that is part of our essential school equipment. Inside the planner, students have a timetable overview for the term. Alongside this staff will ask students to write in any homework that is set. It is vital that parents review the homework in their child's planner and we would ask that parents sign each week once they have seen it. This will be checked by Tutors on

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Wednesday mornings to ensure students are talking to their parents about their homework. Completion rates will be published each term alongside our termly attendance report.

What access does my child need?

The majority of our homework is set using asynchronous resources such as Seneca, Sparx and Tassomi. All of the information can be found on our website. Students will need access to an electronic device to complete homework, if you have any issues with access, please contact your child's Head of Year as they will be able to remove any barrier to ensure your child can complete their homework.

What happens if my child misses the homework deadline?

If your child completes their homework on-time they will receive a house point and possibly selected for an iHomelearn card, this is for completing excellent homework and will be entered into our weekly draw. If your child misses their homework deadline they will have until 9 am the following day to complete it, you will receive a notification about this. If on the second attempt, the homework isn't submitted, then an afterschool detention will be issued from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Again, we will send you an email and an in-app message to alert you about the detention.

How can my child get help?

We have a number of resources and information on our website [HERE](#). Alongside this, we have a homework club that runs every lunchtime in 006. This club also runs Monday – Friday as an extra-curricular club in 206. If you have any concerns or need some help, I would always encourage you to contact the class teacher or form tutor.

Thank you for your support with our new homework policy this year. I do believe this could really build on the strong outcomes we have had over the past two years and will make a significant difference to the progress your child makes here at Central.

Yours faithfully



Mr Markham
Principal