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Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to provide important information about our home learning policy and how it supports your child's educational progress at Key Stage 3.

### **The Importance of Home Learning**

Home learning is a vital part of effective assessment and plays a key role in enhancing the learning experience for all pupils. Tasks are carefully planned to consolidate and extend classroom learning while encouraging the development of important skills such as:

- Independent learning
- Monitoring progress over time
- Self-discipline, personal organisation and responsibility
- Strengthening the partnership between home and school

### **Accessing Home Learning**

Wherever possible, home learning tasks are set online. Assignments are posted on Microsoft Teams, which allows students to access them anytime. Tasks are drawn from a variety of effective online platforms and applications tailored to support their learning.

All students have access to Office 365, including Word, PowerPoint, and Outlook for email communication. Teachers can be contacted via Teams for support during school hours. Additionally, we provide students with access to leading online platforms that are proven to enhance learning outcomes. Students should know their login details, but if they experience difficulties, they are encouraged to speak with their class teacher. In most cases they use their school email address and password to log in. Guidance on the use of these platforms can also be found on the [school website](#).

### **Key Resources:**

- **Seneca Learning** (Parents can track their child's progress via [this link](#))
- **Century Tech**
- **ClickView**

## Expectations for Home Learning

Home learning tasks are designed to be meaningful and manageable, promoting skill development and subject mastery. We aim to avoid placing undue stress on families while ensuring students stay engaged with their learning.

As a general rule, the amount of home learning increases progressively as students move through school. For Key Stage 3 students, the **home learning timetable** below outlines expectations for each subject:

### KS3 Home Learning Timetable:

Subject	Frequency	Key Stage 3
English	Weekly	Up to 30 mins
Maths	Weekly	Up to 30 mins
Science	Weekly	Up to 30 mins
Spanish/French	Fortnightly	Up to 30 mins
History	Fortnightly	Up to 30 mins
Geography	Fortnightly	Up to 30 mins
Computer Science	Every 4 weeks	Up to 30 mins
RE	Every 4 weeks	Up to 30 mins
Music	Every 4 weeks	Up to 30 mins
Art	Every 4 weeks	Up to 30 mins
Drama	Every 4 weeks	Up to 30 mins

### How You Can Support Your Child

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child:

1. Completes their home learning as assigned.
2. Has a quiet, organised space at home for study and revision.
3. Follows their home learning timetable for consistent progress.

Home learning is an extension of classroom activities, helping students reinforce knowledge and understand concepts over time. Completion of all tasks is crucial to support their long-term academic development.

For further support or information, please visit the [home learning section of our website](#).

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed.

**Yours faithfully,**

Mike Holly

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