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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to be able to share our new Home Learning Policy with you all. Having gathered the views of our children, parents, carers and staff body last session, we have taken all views on board and have created a policy which allows for flexibility, choice and one which complements busy family lives.

This policy will remain in draft form for this session and it can be found, in full, on our school website by clicking on the link below.

[Draft Home Learning Policy](#)

We understand that the policy in full may seem quite lengthy and therefore, in order to explain the pertinent points as clearly as possible, we have detailed an 'at a glance' list, which we hope you will find useful.

Our Home Learning Policy 'at a glance'...

Home Learning Grids (HLG) – The HLG is sent home at the beginning of every month and details the home learning activities. The HLG activities can be completed **at any time and in any order** over the course of the month. A paper copy of the grid will be sent home with your child and an online copy will be available via your child's Google Classroom. The grid includes 5 blank squares for pupil choice, providing opportunities for children to include areas of interest, which the pupils can detail on the grid. eg write in grid, 'I drew a picture of having a picnic with my gran'. (The picture would then be drawn in the jotter provided). We would encourage the children to complete as many of the activities from the grid over the course of the month.

Core Learning Tasks – each HLG contains 8 CORE learning tasks (4 Literacy and 4 Numeracy) which we would expect all children to complete over the course of the month, as a minimum.

P1 and P2 - Phonics, reading, writing and counting will continue to be a focus for our younger learners. The CORE options on the P1 and P2 HLGs should be undertaken each night to allow for regular consolidation of learning. Specific information regarding these tasks will be sent home each week in your child's bag.

P3 to P7 – The HLG activities should encourage our older pupils to be independent learners. Twice in the session, there will be two project type learning activities to work on. When these are being undertaken, no HLGs will be sent home for that month and detailed information will be sent home instead. Class reading books will continue to come home and specific information regarding these tasks will be sent home with your child.



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Google Classroom – we would recommend that all pupils log into to their Google Classroom, at least once a week, to complete 4 activities (2 CORE and 2 other), over the course of the month. The HLG will also be on your child's Google Classroom so they can easily access any learning links to videos or interactive materials there.

How long should learners be engaged in Home Learning – the HLGs provide flexibility for the completion of activities, although some tasks may take longer or shorter to complete than others. We have provided loose guidance on an **approximate length of time** pupils may wish to spend on homework activities each night, which can of course be **flexibly achieved over the course of the month**.

- Primaries 1, 2 and 3: **approximately** 15 minutes
- Primaries 4 and 5: **approximately** 20 minutes
- Primaries 6 and 7: **approximately** 30 minutes

Feedback Friday – we have built in time to provide opportunities for the children to discuss and share the activities they have completed, on the morning of the last Friday of every month. The children can take the time, with their peers and class teacher, to talk about the activities they have undertaken and share their home learning. A variety of Feedback methods will be used eg verbally through discussion, in written form, through peer, self or teacher assessment and through the use of stickers or stampers.

Home Learning Jotters - each child will be given a Home Learning Jotter as a means of evidencing all of their work. Jotters and any other work produced by your child should be brought back to school for Feedback Friday sessions as this work will form the basis of Feedback Friday time.

We understand that this new Home Learning Policy is a big change from our previous Homework Policy. There is a lot of new information to take on board and we are keen to support all our families in its implementation. Therefore, ourselves and Mrs Donaldson will be online on a Friday morning, over the next three weeks, in order to answer any questions you may have. Our first virtual 'drop in' session will take place on Friday 2nd September from 9.30am until 10am. The following two sessions will take place on Friday 9th and Friday 16th September from 11am until 11.30am. Should you have any questions around the new policy or if you would like anything explained more fully, please join us by clicking on one of the links below.

[Drop in link Friday 2nd September 930-10am](#)

[Drop in link Friday 9th September 11-1130am](#)

[Drop in link Friday 16th September 11-1130am](#)

All the dates you will need for the issuing of the Home Learning Grid and the dates for Friday Feedback times are detailed on the page below.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Lynn Sweeney (DHT) and Julie Roberts (DHT)



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HLG Distribution and Friday Feedback Dates for Session 2022-2023

Term 1	2022
Home Learning Grid – date issued	Feedback Friday dates
29 th August	30 th September
3 rd October	28 th October
31 st October (Research Topic P3-7)	25 th November
28 th November	16 th December (3 weeks)
Term 2	2023
Home Learning Grid – date issued	Feedback Friday dates
9 th January	27 th January (3 weeks)
30 th January	24 th February
27 th February (Research Topic P3-7)	24 th March
Term 3	2023
Home Learning Grid – date issued	Feedback Friday dates
17 th April	28 th April (2 weeks)
3 rd May	25 th May (Thursday – 3 weeks)



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