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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the feedback we have received regarding our Home Learning Policy. We understand that this is a big change to what was previously in place and there have been some queries, which we would like to clarify in this letter, in order to help and support families with its implementation.

- As you may know, home learning is not mandatory in Scotland and, although we would encourage all of our children to complete their home learning activities, it is important to note that we cannot enforce this.
- The Home Learning Grids are designed to help with busy family lives. They offer a huge amount of flexibility as they can be completed, in any order and at any time, over a month. Children now have the freedom to pick and choose which activities to complete, at times which are suitable for them, over a four week period. If some children like a more structured approach to tasks, then the grid can be divided up at home and can be completed every night, if desired. An element of choice is also built into the grid and it is therefore not compulsory to complete all the tasks over the course of the month, however, this is absolutely fine if your child wishes to do so.
- The CORE learning activities are consolidation of learning and should not require any additional 'teaching' from parents and carers. This will be work that has already been taught in class. If your child is finding an element of their home learning either too difficult or too easy to complete, then please just get in touch with the school, as you would normally do, to discuss this.
- **Our younger learners in P1 and P2** will require adult support to complete some of their tasks. We will look into the possibility of redesigning the grids at these stages to help children to access tasks a little more independently. Additional information regarding phonics and number work will be placed in your child's school bag every week.
- The Home Learning jotters should remain at home, for the period of home learning, so that the activities can be added to it throughout the month. We would ask that the jotters are brought back into school for Feedback Friday sessions so that pupils can share their learning.
- Taking on board a helpful parent suggestion, we have reworded the section in the Home Learning Policy regarding the approximate length of suggested time to complete Home Learning tasks. It now reads:
"Whilst bearing in mind that every child and task is different, we have provided below some loose guidance on the approximate length of time that we suggest would be appropriate for a homework session to last at the various stages."
 - Primaries 1, 2 and 3: **approximately** 15 minutes
 - Primaries 4 and 5: **approximately** 20 minutes
 - Primaries 6 and 7: **approximately** 30 minutes

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and please do continue to get in touch if you have any further questions or suggestions.

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