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Dear Parent / Carer,

RE: Homework Practices

I am writing to inform you of the changes to our homework practices which will come into effect from September 2023, following feedback from parents. Our homework strategy can be viewed in the homework section of our website.

Homework is a vital part of a child's education and allows them to further their understanding outside of the classroom. We believe that homework encourages the development of independent learning skills and allows students to take more ownership of their education. Within lessons, students participate in a consistent lesson structure which involves a retrieval task, followed by a short period of time where the teacher provides clear instruction to students. Students then take on challenging practice tasks with support from their teacher and peers, which is ultimately followed by time to independently secure their knowledge. Effective homework, alongside our lesson cycle, will allow students to know more and remember more.

We recently reviewed our homework strategy as a school and wanted to provide clarity on strategy changes from September 2023.

- Subject areas set students one piece of homework per week, which may be paper-based homework or online homework that is based upon an online learning platform e.g. Sparx Maths.
- Students should also set themselves regular homework each evening using the knowledge organiser and a technique called 'self-quizzing'. Each student receives a new knowledge organiser at the beginning of each half-term, which provides students with key words and tasks to complete from each subject area. The knowledge organiser will support students with key vocabulary in lessons, but they are also a key aspect of homework. Please click on this link <https://youtu.be/t268L7X15hk> or scan the QR code below with a smartphone to watch an instructional video on how students should use their knowledge organisers to 'self-quiz':



Yours Faithfully,
The Long Eaton School



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