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Every Child, Inspiring Learning, Every Day

ST IVES SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to outline the homework expectations for our students this academic year and to emphasise the importance of consistent engagement with home learning. The rationale behind home learning is to consolidate what your child is learning in school.

By recalling this information that they have recently learned, they will be helping retain it in their long-term memory so that they can draw upon it at a later stage.

Home learning Expectations:

1. **Daily Review with Hinge Question:** Students should spend approximately 20 minutes daily reviewing their learning. This should include a concise and detailed account of what they have learned, the steps taken with teacher guidance, and the reasons behind those steps.
2. **Sparx Maths:** Homework will be set on Wednesdays and due the following Wednesday. Students are expected to spend approximately 30 minutes weekly completing exercises and utilizing the video tutorials and support provided.
3. **Written Task for Years 8 and 9:** Every fortnight, English teachers will assign a written task that should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.
4. **Independent Reading:** Students should dedicate at least 20 minutes to independent reading four times a week. A summary of what they read should be included in their daily review.

Consequences for Incomplete Home learning:

In the first instance of incomplete home learning, class teachers will email home to notify parents. If homework in a particular subject is incomplete a total of five times, class teachers will call home with a referral to home learning support club once a week. If home learning is incomplete a total of 10 times, then I will make contact with home to agree a more robust attendance to home learning support club. This will then be reviewed after three weeks.

Given the higher frequency of daily reviews, tutors will contact home if a student fails to submit 10 times, and I will be in touch if it reaches 20.

Home learning support club is available to all, and runs from 3.15-4pm Monday to Thursday. Biscuits and squash are provided as well as resources and staff support.

Headteacher: Mr S Horner MEng



Our goal is to foster independence, time management, and a positive attitude toward home learning. Your support at home is crucial in helping your child succeed. Please encourage your child to establish a regular homework routine and communicate with us if any challenges arise.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me:
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Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully

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