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Dear Parents,

We are currently reviewing homework in the Junior School and would welcome your input as part of the process. As such we have drawn up a short questionnaire that we would like you to fill in anonymously.

To put the questionnaire into context, I thought it would be useful to remind you of the structure and expectations we have of homework at present.

At the moment we have a threefold approach to homework:

- Everyday exercises such as spellings, reading and mental maths. These are intended to be short, intensive, daily foci taking no more than five minutes each.
- Extended pieces of work, usually based around English, Maths and Science and occasionally involving a non-core subject. These are linked to learning carried out in lessons.
- Longer term projects focused on non-core subjects. These are designed to be carried out with parental support and to be built on the children's preferred learning style.

The amount of homework, and the time expected to be spent on it, varies from year group to year group and child to child. However, no pupil is expected to do any more than half an hour a night in Key Stage One and an hour a night in Key Stage Two (although some children may choose to do more).

We very much appreciate your input into our review of homework in the Junior School and look forward to reading your responses.

With kind regards,

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