



# FEARNHILL SCHOOL

Headteacher – Mr T Spencer, BSc

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Dear parents and carers,

## KS3 Homework Update

I am writing to update you on our KS3 homework procedures at Fearnhill and the ways in which we are supporting our students to successfully complete their weekly homework.

We recognise that quality homework tasks play an important role in supporting student progress and help to secure learning from class. We also recognise the importance of family time and time for students to engage in activities outside of school. This is why we recently reduced the amount of homework KS3 students were given each week to just three: English, maths and science. The online platforms that we use ensure that students get instant feedback and allow for their teachers to track their progress.

Every homework is connected to the curriculum and learning in class, therefore it is important that students complete these tasks to avoid knowledge gaps. At Fearnhill, we have a number of different opportunities for students to complete homework in school with support; homework club continues to run from Monday to Thursday 3-4pm in i4/Inclusion where all students are welcome to use a chromebook and get help from Mrs Cottenden - there are refreshments available, too! The library is also open until 4pm every day for students who prefer to work independently, again, chromebooks are available from Mrs Thurlby. The English and maths department also run drop-in homework support sessions during lunch times each week - students can check the day with their teachers. At any point, if students are unsure about their homework, they can ask their teacher Mrs Cottenden who will help them.

We expect all homework to be completed on time, but if, for some reason, students have not submitted their homework on time, these are the steps we will take:

- Students will be given the opportunity to catch up with an invitation to either the after school homework club or the subject lunch time drop-ins. If homework is completed in their own time, then no more action is taken.
- If the homework is still missing, Mrs Cottenden will write to parents and carers to let them know that their child will need to attend a compulsory homework catch up at lunch time, this will run from 1.30pm to 2pm to allow them time to eat their lunch.
- If they fail to attend the compulsory lunch time catch up, they will be set an after school 45 minute homework detention where they will be expected to complete their homework.

The vast majority of our students do complete their homework on time and Mrs Cottenden will reward them with a house point, if they do. We will also be rewarding those students who consistently complete their homework at the end of the term - watch this space!

I hope you can join me and the staff at Fearnhill in encouraging your child to complete their homework each week.

Yours faithfully

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