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Dear Parents/Carers,

Research has shown that homework can make an important contribution to a pupil's progress at school. At The Pines School we define 'homework' as any work or activity a pupil is asked to do outside lesson time, either on their own or with the support of an adult.

At The Pines School we do not stipulate a time allocation for homework. Each half term you will receive a topic sheet with homework ideas on for your child. These activities can be completed throughout the half term to extend learning at home. We also have subscriptions for bug club or Read, Write, inc ebooks, for reading and purple mash which is a cross curricular website for children, enabling them to explore and enhance their knowledge in a fun and creative way. If you do not have access to these then please contact your child's class teacher. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, then please advise your class teacher so they can provide you with an alternative. Your child may also have a set of spellings to learn or may come home with phonic speed sounds to practice.

Your child may also bring home a book they have chosen from the school library. This is a fantastic opportunity to share a book with your child and model reading. Please return these books to enable all of our children to access quality texts.

For our GCSE students one piece of English, Maths and an additional piece of homework will be available weekly.

At school our pupils concentrate on work activities for a significant period of time and, therefore, should not be 'overloaded' with homework tasks when they arrive home. Also, homework should not interfere with other activities your child may do after school such as sport, music and clubs of any kind. Your child needs to have a good 'work, life balance'. Your child will not be penalised if they do not complete homework activities.

When helping your child with 'homework' tasks it is advisable that they have somewhere quiet where they can sit and concentrate. If necessary, please explain the task to your child and provide them with the appropriate equipment to complete the task.

Your support is invaluable and much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Rudd
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