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Dear Parents/Carers

KS2 Home Learning

Here at Broadstone First, we want home learning to be meaningful, manageable and enhance what the children are learning in school. We want to provide home learning that supports children to become independent learners who understand how they learn best.

Research by John Hattie states that homework in primary school has zero effect. In most cases this is because homework at this age is not done as effectively as it could be. As a research led school we are proud that our homework approach is based on research and is one that we know has positive impact not only on the confidence of individuals but also on achievement. However, it is one that does need input to get right for both learners and families. We have already started working on this in school with the children, sharing expectations and modelling how to complete.

Before we send this home, we would like to invite you to an information session on **Thursday 25 November at 5.30pm – 7pm** to find out more about our home learning approach and expectations around this. Sadly, due to the current COVID restrictions, we will be running this as a virtual event via WebEx.

Our homework approach is based around cognitive science, supporting the development of metacognition. This is something children will be able to use throughout their life. As your child develops through their metacognitive journey they will be able to share with you a range of cognitive strategies, identify which strategy works best for them as a learner as well as understand key areas about self-regulation (having a Growth Mindset for example).

We understand that this is a new approach and one that is very different from what you may have experienced at school or be familiar with. We are aware this can unsettle parents because they feel they cannot support in the 'traditional' way they had expected to. Therefore, we would advise you to attend the session to learn more about our approach and how you can support your child.

If you would like to attend then please do book a space by either emailing or calling the school office on office@broadstonefirst.poole.sch.uk or 01202 694376. Please note for those confirming a space, the link for the meeting will be sent out the day before.

We understand that this is a new and different approach, and whilst the children are 'getting used' to it and learning how to do this we want to support our families as much as possible. Therefore, after the session if you have any further concerns or questions then we do encourage you to contact your child's class teacher who would be more than happy to go through this with you further and answer any questions you may have.

Best wishes

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