



**Ocean Academy Poole**

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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Follow up from the most recent 'Ocean Community Forum' meeting

Parent feedback in the most recent 'Ocean Community Forum' has led to a number of actions being put in place.

Parents shared their thoughts with regards the spelling homework and the current process in place each week. In the summer term we will trial sending home 10 spellings each week. The first 7 will support learning spelling patterns and the final 3 words will be focused common exception words, topic words or words being spelt incorrectly by a high level of children within the year group. Each child will be asked to write a sentence also for the last 3 words on the list. Each week there will be a spelling test to encourage the children to learn and practise the spelling of these words.

Homework is an expectation of the Academy and supports progress hugely. The majority of children do complete their homework regularly, supported by their parents and carers. We know that on the odd occasion, homework is not returned on time for a number of reasons and we will be sympathetic to this. However, there are children who repeatedly do not return homework and this is having a negative impact on their learning. Class teachers will now initially put a slip in your child's homework book to ask if there is any help needed to ensure homework is completed as we want homework to be productive and as positive as possible. If homework is repeatedly not completed, a letter from the senior leadership team will again outline the importance of homework and seek a resolution to ensure homework is completed. Following this, a phone call will be made to the parent/carer to speak about how we can work together to support their child to have the same access to experience and learning as other children in their class. We do not feel it is valuable to punish a junior school aged child for non-completion of homework and so it is imperative that parents and school work together so please do come and speak to us if there are any issues with completing homework. Completing homework is a non-negotiable in most secondary schools and it is especially important that our year 6 children get into the habit of completing homework and meeting deadlines.

Now that COVID restrictions have lifted, parents also asked if the 'drop in' to learning sessions could start again. This is a chance for you as parents and carers to come into school and share your child's learning. Letters will go out to parents very soon regarding this and 'Learning Links' sessions where parents can come into school and look at their child's books alongside their child will also restart.



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Year 6 parents asked for further information regarding SATs. Mr Lee will be sending out a letter and a video regarding this so look out for this also.

Finally, we would really like to hear from parents who are willing and able to come into school and talk about their job. We really want our children to know what opportunities are available beyond school and how they can aspire to achieve this. Please email the school office if you can help.

There will be another 'Ocean Community Forum' meeting next half term. Please look out for the date and join us at the meeting. Working closely with parents is important to us.

Kindest regards

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Executive Principal.

