



Windsor Park CE Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform our new parents/carers and remind existing ones of how learning is organised at Windsor Park. We hope that the following information will help us to work closely with you to support all students in achieving their full potential.

Communication

We encourage high levels of communication between home and school. Therefore, if you have any questions or queries about any aspect of school, please don't wait for a parents' evening. Either contact your child's tutor/class teacher directly or the school office who can put you in contact with them.

Our Curriculum

We have published a curriculum map on our website so you always know and can see what your child is learning.

Homework

Full details can be found on our website (Independent Learning Policy-Homework), but I have provided an overview below for ease.

Year 5 and 6 should receive Maths and English homework every week. They will occasionally be set Science homework when it supports work in class. Sometimes, teachers from other subjects may ask students to bring in items for us in lessons e.g., ingredients for cooking.

Year 7 and 8 should be set homework from every subject every week.

As part of our reading initiative, homework will be based on reading skills and follow a 3-week cycle.

Week 1 will be focused on vocabulary and developing student's knowledge and understanding of this week.

Week 2 will be based on understanding the text.

Week 3 will be comprehension.

A range of different activities will be set so although the skill being focused on this is the same, the activity set won't be by each subject. Your child will focus on the same reading text for each 3-week cycle as re-reading has been proven to be essential in developing understanding in reading.

We value your support with this as we fully understand how important reading is in your child's success. Staff are available for support through your child's Teams accounts or via homework club, which runs each lunchtime.

Feedback and Marking

At Windsor Park we believe that students do their best and make good progress when staff are clear about what they need to do and quickly provide feedback on work, in ways that our students understand.

With that in mind, when looking at your child's books you can expect to see some spellings corrected by teachers (which students then copy out to help them practice the correct spelling) and lots of green pen. Green pen is the colour used by students to make corrections or improve their work after the teacher has provided feedback to them. You will not see lots of red (teacher pen) in books. We find that verbal feedback or providing additional tasks to build on where students are at makes the biggest difference to our students' learning, so we prioritise this.



Parents' Evenings and Reports

Each year group has one designated Parents' evening slot per year, apart from year 5 who have an additional one in the first term to aid settling in. Reports are sent termly, normally just after the end of term break. However, teachers welcome contact with parents at any time in support of your child.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J Bailey
Deputy Head

