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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Home Collaboration

As leaders we have been reviewing our curriculum which includes our homework. We work very hard in school during our school day to provide a challenging curriculum for all our pupils with accessibility for all. From feedback from staff, pupils and parents the general feeling is that the homework is not manageable for many pupils or families and is causing unnecessary stresses. However, we do know some of you would still like the option of homework and therefore we have a new approach. This will be in place for our return to school on the 18th April and can be found on our website <https://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/how-to-support-learning-at-home> As stated this is our new approach and will start after the holidays for Summer 1st term, this method will also be used for snow days and school closures as well.

Our new approach - 'Home Collaboration'

- Reading expectations remain – pupils should be **reading daily** either their phonics/reading book on Reading Buddy
- Number bots and Times Tables Rockstars remain for pupils **to do weekly**
- Spelling - whole year spelling lists will be on the website - **optional** to practice if you wish
- Knowledge Organisers will still go on the website so parents still know what we are covering - **optional** to practice if you wish
- KS1 and KS2 TAFS will be on the website - **optional** to practice if you wish
- Year 6 SATS tasks Spring term for Year 6 pupils **to do weekly** and support transition into Secondary
- Experience tasks - a grid per year group of what you could do as a family e.g. visit a museum **optional**

The rationale for the change

- Pupil voice says they don't want to do/like homework
- Pupils should have time to enjoy their out of school hours
- Families state they have other home commitments such as clubs or family events
- Homework causes home struggles
- Homework ends up being completed by parents and not pupils
- Home school collaboration supports our Personal Development curriculum and family's mental health
- Research shows that there is only 3+ progress added to Primary school pupils who do homework by themselves
- Support teacher workload
- Reduced stress for all - mental health and wellbeing, family time and staff

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Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Miss Cotchin
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