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Dear parent/carer,

We are excited to inform you that from Wednesday 7 June, your child will be using Sparx Maths, which you may already have received an email about, to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

Your child's homework will be set on **Wednesday** and due on **Tuesday** every week.

We know you want to support your child's maths progress, so we are sending this letter to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalised homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.
- Students will be advised in the first week back after half term how they can log into their account. This will be via: <https://www.sparxmaths.uk/student/> /find the school/register as a new user which will be their name with no spaces and a password that they will set up independently. We are looking to create a single sign on with their 365 account, which will hopefully go live in September.
- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Students will access their homework on their online Sparx account, where they will get immediate feedback for each question, advising them whether their answer was correct, if not they need to have another try.
- Whilst homework is accessed online, it is predominantly a written homework and students should record their work in their workbooks, which will be provided. Sparx has a "bookwork checks" system to help students form this habit.
- We will expect every student to have a 100% completion of this work, as the system will work out the level of difficulty of the questions, and as such all students should be able to do their work.
- There will be an email sent out halfway through the weekly cycle to parents saying what the level of completion is for the homework, this can be unsubscribed for, as I do appreciate what a burden this can be in email accounts.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached to that your child can get help independently.

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How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week.
- Encourage them to start their homework early, so they can get help from their teacher before the deadline, if they get stuck. To ensure no gaps form in your child's maths knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until **all** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- Check the weekly email you will get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline, if they have not already done so.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they have had a go first. It is essential they try to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths.

If you have any questions, please contact i.durkin@vcj.sch.je

Kind regards,

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