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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that in previous years the school has supplied a pupil planner which allowed your child to record their homework. As a school, we often found that these were underutilised and pupils sometimes did not write down their homework, or wrote it incorrectly. In order to resolve this, we have decided to put all our homeworks on the school's VLE (Virtual Learning Environment). This clearly shows:

- what subject has been set;
- when it has been set and when it is due in;
- what the homework is.

As a result of this most pupils in Years 8-11 will not have a pupil planner, but can check their homework online either on a p.c., laptop or mobile device (phone, tablet etc.) It also means that parents no longer need to check and sign pupil planners but can check their child's homework by asking them to log onto their account, please see enclosed help sheet included with this letter.

If, however, you need to contact a member of staff, please contact the school via the main reception on 01706 292800. You will be put through to the relevant Head of Year or department.

The reason for this change is that working electronically is a 21st century skill and we feel that this helps prepare them for the world of work. Furthermore, it is hoped that by using the online system pupils will also access the numerous resources on the VLE and become more independent as they progress through the school.

If you require more information, please contact me at the email address below.

Yours faithfully



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