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Dear Parent

At NES we have been reviewing the way that we set and feedback homework to Year 7 and 8 students. We believe that home learning is really important to build good habits, develop effective independent learning skills and learn the key knowledge that students will need for each of their subject areas. We have therefore refined our homework program for Year 7 and 8 to make it clearer and more manageable for students and parents. Your child has watched a detailed presentation today on what the new homework program (starting on Monday 30 November) will look like and the support available to all students. It is of course our aim that no student or family is left behind by the change therefore please do look at the list of contacts at the bottom of the letter if you would like to speak to someone further after having explored the resources below.

Attached to this email is the Year 7 or Year 8 homework booklet for your child. They have been issued with a paper copy today and must bring this home and look after it carefully to use during the week. Please take time to look through the booklet which details carefully how to access the various websites that you will need for each subject area on each day and how to use Microsoft Teams which your child will need to access on a daily basis from Monday to Friday. We will be using Teams (and not Go4Schools) from Monday 30 November to set homework for Years 7 and 8 however, Go4Schools will still be an essential tool for you to look at your child's progress. Also attached to this email is a power point designed for parents to guide you through the attached homework booklet. There is an audio voice over which will play as soon as you put the power point into presentation mode.

We are really looking forward to supporting your child as they move forward on this new program, both using platforms that they are already familiar with such as Bedrock and exploring how Quizzes in Microsoft Teams can give them instant feedback on their learning.

If you have any questions or concerns then please do follow the advice below:

- Contact your child's subject teacher by email if you have a subject related homework problem so that they can resolve this with you.
- Contact Ms Measures (Year Leader for Year 7) or Mr Gardner (Year Leader for Year 8) if you need support regarding homework more generally.
- Contact Ms Rogers (SENCO) or your child's key worker if your child has additional needs and requires support.

Yours faithfully

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