



# Stoke High School – Ormiston Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian

In light of recent self-evaluation, the academy recognises the need to assess its homework provision. With this in mind, amongst other measures to be introduced between now and the autumn term, we would like to trial a traditional pocket-sized notebook with Year 7 when recording homework in lessons.

We understand that effective homework is rooted in tasks that enable a child to capitalise on the learning in the classroom, whilst engaging with core skills such as organisation, independence and responsibility. In many ways, the use of this notebook is a simple method for students to take responsibility for their learning, whilst being carefully monitored by staff and parents.

The process for the use of the notebook is as follows:

## Student Responsibility

All Year 7 students are to be given a traditional pocket-sized notebook. All Year 7 students have to:

- have the notebook when in school;
- place the notebook on the table each registration and every lesson;
- document homework given, noting the date set, the date due and information regarding the task.

## Parent Responsibility

In a bid to enhance and improve the communication between the academy and parents, we ask parents:

- to check the notebook on a daily basis;
- if the need arises, comment on the homework given in the notebook, directly to the teacher.

## Teacher Responsibility

All staff should:

- ensure students have the notebook on the desk during each lesson/registration;
- ask students to document homework in the notebook;
- support students who need clarification regarding homework tasks.

In July you will receive feedback on the use of this notebook, along with actions we will be implementing from September 2016.

We appreciate all the feedback you have given to date, and value your views on how we can raise the profile of homework in the academy, in the classroom and at home. If you have any questions or queries please do hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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