

R/Maths/Letter/jca

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

Secondly, I am writing to inform you of a significant change to the way homework will be set for **year groups 7-10** in maths, starting this half term.

Hegarty Maths will soon be obsolete and therefore the decision has been made to move to a different platform to support our pupils with their homework. This is called **Sparx Maths**, which can be found using the following link:

www.sparxmaths.com

***Please note* If you also have a child in Year 11, they will continue to use Hegarty Maths for the remainder of their time at Hollingworth.**

Pupils will no longer need to select their own topics or clip numbers to work on. They will all be set one hour of maths questions to complete each week. These questions will be based on topics from the previous half term, allowing pupils to consolidate their learning and further improve on target areas. The platform learns from their answers and continues to set questions for pupils which will target their areas for development, whilst still challenging them.

Each question will have a short video attached to it in order to support pupils if they need it. Pupils will not be expected to copy notes down as they have done previously. However, they will need to make a note of their answers, alongside a 'bookcode', as they will be asked to confirm these as part of their homework.

All pupils have been shown the new platform in their maths lesson and there is a set of videos which explains it to them. These videos have been uploaded to Google Classroom. If you want to know more about how the platform works, to enable you to support your child with homework, I encourage you to watch the videos as they are very useful. Of course, if you have any questions or concerns, your son/daughter's maths teacher will also be happy to help.

Homework is an important part of consolidating pupils' learning and it is important that it's completed every week. In order to keep you up to date with your child's progress, Sparx will automatically send an email home if homework is not completed. A sanction will also follow from their class teacher.

Again, if you have any questions, please contact your child's maths teacher who will be happy to speak to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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