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Hello to all our families,

I want to update you with some refinements to our virtual learning platform on Satchel:One/SMHW.

We have listened to your feedback regarding increasing our levels of interactivity with our students and the ways in which we feedback on their work. Some families have felt that the amount of work is just right whilst others feel it has been a little overwhelming at times. Hopefully, these refinements will improve the learning experience for all of us.

You will see that there is a new timetable across all the subjects designed to mirror our school fortnight as closely as we can. This timetable is a suggestion. You will have found your own ways of managing home learning. Our aim is for students to follow this in its entirety, but we are mindful that this may not be possible in some situations due to the needs of your own household and working or care commitments. That is absolutely fine, and you should not worry if you are not able to complete a task. We want to keep our students thinking, questioning, reading and engaging. We still want students to complete a range of 'retrieve' and 'stimulate' tasks to ensure they are using their memory and their brain to connect the learning. As before, tasks will be labelled as such. This will be made clear to students during their virtual assemblies with our Associate Assistant Headteachers on June 1st.

Our teachers have met virtually to share their ideas for improving our virtual interactivity and you will see this begin to expand and develop over the coming weeks. We can already see great strides being made in this area of our provision.

We wish you all the very best of health and hope you manage to enjoy some warm weather over the half-term break.

Yours sincerely,



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