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RE: Parental Engagement

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the parents who filled out the survey regarding Remote Learning. This was the first in a series of short surveys that we will conduct as we continue the process of school development. We had a return rate of over 80%- which is very high. Most people were happy with the quality of Remote Learning and have provided some suggestions and as a result, we will use the feedback to try and improve the RL experience of our pupils.

- One of the main suggestions that we can implement is informing parents if a teacher is staying on the island as soon as possible. This is something we have already implemented.
- Another issue seems to be around the speed of the laptops. I am currently seeking some help in this regard to see if we can get them updated.

Remote Learning is challenging and we will continue to adapt to make it work for us all.

I am also reviewing our homework policy in March 2024 and it is essential that, as part of the review, I gather your thoughts. I would be grateful if you could find 5 minutes to answer the following questions and return this questionnaire to the school office, by Friday 01st March.

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Homework Survey February 2024

Child's name:

Child's age:

Do you think your child should be given homework? – please give your reason

How much time do you think children should spend on homework every week?

What homework activities do you think are valuable to support your child's learning?

What homework activities do you think are less valuable?

How many times a week do you think children should read at home?

Please circle the most appropriate answer below:

My child usually enjoys their homework...				
Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Not Sure

I know how to support my child with their homework...				
Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Not Sure

Homework causes tension at home...				
Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	Not Sure

My child finds the level of challenge with their homework...			
Too hard	About right	Too Easy	Not sure

Additional comments:

Thanks for taking the time to complete this questionnaire,

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