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Introduction

- Griffithstown Primary School provides your child with excellent learning and wellbeing opportunities.
- However, learning is a partnership between school and families, and it is essential that learning continues in the home.
- We recognise that family life is complicated, busy and demanding.
- Evenings and weekends are full and often provide varied and valuable learning experiences. We understand and believe it is important that your family time is treasured and enjoyed.

Homework Philosophy

- There will be occasions when you or your child requires support, guidance or resources at home to develop or refine academic skills, knowledge and understanding.
- Griffithstown Primary School invests significant funding to provide several online learning platforms for pupils to access free-of-charge at home.
- Testing and quizzing regularly on online platforms will have a guaranteed impact on assessment outcomes. While we do not monitor online engagement, we welcome regular interaction each week. The impact can be seen in day-to-day schoolwork.
- Your class teacher will provide log-in details at the start of each academic year.
- If the log-in details are lost, then it is important that the teacher or main office is informed as soon as possible so we can ensure learning continues uninterrupted.
- School is always available for support if parents/carers need guidance to help them interact with their child on the learning platforms.
- Expectations change as pupils grow older and it is essential that home and school prepare older learners for transition to Year 7. We provide a broad and exciting range of home learning opportunities, and we require pupils to set aside time, commitment and opportunities for learning to thrive at home.

Online Platforms (free-of-charge):

- Mathseeds
- Mathletics
- LetterJoin: Handwriting
- MyOn: Reading
- EdShed

Exceptions to Our Homework Philosophy

- Teachers in younger year groups will set specific tasks linked to reading and Mathseeds. It is vital that you engage with timeframes for completion of such tasks to ensure that new tasks can be provided and reading materials/books can be exchanged.
- Specific topic-based homework tasks will be set, for learners in all year groups. Such tasks will often be developed and shaped from 'pupil voice' responses to learning in the classroom. Such homework tasks may be completed over several weeks and involve a wide range of skills.

Wider Home Learning

- Home learning must not be restricted to electronic devices. There are times when teachers provide prompts for learners to explore objects, experiences, senses in the home and community. Such prompts are most likely to come from Nursery and Reception but may come at points in the year from all year groups.
- We recommend that you find learning in everything you do with your child: counting steps, measuring ingredients, reading bus/train timetables. You are your child's best learning resource. Make learning fun!