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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent survey on the proposed change from using student planners to using Google Classroom for the recording of homework. There was an overwhelming majority, over 90% of parents and students who supported the move.

As a result, from September 2018 only new students will automatically receive a planner, this has the school map and school policies along with other key information for new students. This information is also online via the Student Bulletin. Current students will be given the option to order a planner ready for the start of next term if they would find this helpful.

The move to Google Classroom does not mean that all homework will be online, it simply means that the homework task will be recorded online, accessible to parents/carers. Google Classroom is a free and secure learning network for teachers, students and schools. It provides a safe way for us to connect, share content, access homework, participate in discussions and receive class information.

Using Google Classroom allows your son/daughter to have access to school work at any time through the Internet and is accessible online and through any mobile device with Internet capabilities—including iPhone, iPad and Android devices.

Additionally, the use of Classroom will help keep parents informed of assignment due dates. Classroom is also useful to check on work missed when absent and to ask questions about assignments.

The school will use the parent/carers email address registered as the main contact to receive Google Classroom notifications.

At the start of the Autumn Term I shall contact you with further information and guidance on how to manage this service.

Thank you for your support with this new initiative, we are excited about the introduction of Google Classroom for homework and we anticipate that it will prove extremely useful for our parents.

Yours sincerely

**Mr J Southwood**  
Deputy Headteacher



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