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Re: Sparx Maths Homework

Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to inform you that from Wednesday 18th September 2024 your child will be using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly Maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

Your child's homework will be set on Wednesday and be due the following Wednesday each week. We know you want to support your child's Maths progress, so we are sending this letter to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalised homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.
- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account, where they will get immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct, or they need to have another try.
- While homework is accessed online, it is predominantly a written homework, and students should record their work in their workbooks. Sparx has a “bookwork checks” system to help students form this habit.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached to that your child can get help independently.

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How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week.
- Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get help from their teacher before the deadline if they get stuck. To ensure no gaps form in your child's maths knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until all the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- Check the weekly email you will get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they haven't already done so.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they've had a go first. It is essential they try to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to.
- Find out more by watching this video [Parents \(sparx.co.uk\)](https://www.sparx.co.uk/parents)

What support is available at Bradford Forster Academy:

- Students can access Maths homework support from D2.4 every Monday from 3:00pm – 3:45pm.
- If students have found the question difficult even after watching the video on Sparx, they should talk to their Maths teacher in the next Maths lesson.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success, and confidence in maths. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Box, Curriculum Leader of Mathematics at kirsty.pounder@bfa.bdat-academies.org

Yours sincerely

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