



7<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school, we have invested in an innovative literacy improvement tool called Bedrock Vocabulary, which is a website that helps children to learn very important academic vocabulary, whilst encouraging them to read regularly. Children with wide vocabularies make excellent progress at school and in further education, and it is proven they are more successful as adults in the workplace. In light of this, reading and vocabulary continue to be a key area of focus for us in school.

As your child progresses through the Bedrock curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. They will also fill in an online vocabulary notebook to practise using this vocabulary, and you can see and edit this yourself. This is an online programme, which can be accessed via smart phones, tablets as well as PlayStation/Xbox consoles, as it uses a web browser rather than an app. Additionally, we will have tablets available after school and at lunchtime for pupils who have difficulty with IT access/ internet access at home. During this academic year, Bedrock tasks will be set as homework comprising of two 20-minute tasks each week.

We are aiming to launch Bedrock at the beginning of October; to do so we need your consent to share your child's information with Bedrock, allowing us to arrange usernames linked to your child's form group. The school's Data Protection Officer has checked the resource and Bedrock will only use information provided by school for the purposes of managing access to the system and its content. As parents/carers you do have the right to change your consent preferences at any time and can do so by emailing Mrs Sullivan on the email address given below. We expect all pupils to engage with the tasks that will be set as homework. We hope you will support us in returning your consent, as soon as possible, with a deadline of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020. Consent can be given via your 'Wisepay' account, which will show 'Bedrock,' as an item, but with no amount to pay.

Once we have everything set-up we will contact you with username details for pupils and parents, along with further support and guidance.

If you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: [l.sullivan@decschool.co.uk](mailto:l.sullivan@decschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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