



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL

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Changes to Hegarty Math Homework Policy

Dear Parent / Guardian

In light of recent analysis of Hegarty Maths usage, we have decided to make a few changes in the way we are monitoring students' progress.

At the start of the year we made a promise that the students at Five Acres would be receiving 2.5 hours of mathematics per week. Our school average is currently under this figure.

Use of technology is impacting on this. We are aware that some students are using apps (that can solve mathematics problems) or calculators at times they shouldn't, which allows them to complete a substantial piece of homework in seconds rather than the allocated 30 minutes. This means they are not gaining the benefits of the Hegarty Maths programme.

In order to address this, we are making the following changes:

- 1) Students must watch the allocated video(s) in full.
- 2) At least one example from the video must be written down in the students' Hegarty book.
- 3) All questions, including working out must be written down in the students' Hegarty book.

The Hegarty books will now become part of the daily equipment in order for staff to check the work has been carried out to the required standard.

Scoring a pass mark of 61% alone will no longer result in what we think is completing a solid half an hour of mathematics. Therefore, students will need to complete the three additional points above in order for them to have successfully completed their homework and not be issued with an after school detention.

There is support every day at lunchtime in room 26 with Mr Cockeram.

Thank you for your support with this, which we feel will really benefit your child, giving them the very best chance of success.

Yours faithfully

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