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Dear Parents

Maths-Whizz

As part of our work to develop your daughter's mathematical skills and knowledge, we will be providing her with access to a personalised tutoring service called Maths-Whizz which caters for each child's specific needs. This is an online service and can be used at any time, at home as well as in school.

When used the recommended amount, it has shown to help children improve and gain confidence in maths. As a parent you can contribute to getting best results by helping your child to spend 20–30 minutes using Maths-Whizz, two to three times a week. As Maths-Whizz assesses and adapts to support your child's curriculum needs, please resist the temptation to assist your child whilst using Maths-Whizz. Helping your child with the answers will provide inaccurate data, making the levels progressively harder which can affect your child's confidence.

Your daughter has now completed the initial assessment and has been given individual login details. Students are aware of the expectations for how much time is to be spent on this as homework: all students should be completing at least 30 minutes of the tutor section each week. In Year 5 this is their maths homework and in Year 6 this will usually be in addition to their maths homework. All students can spend more time working with the tutor with 45 minutes being the time recommended in order to accelerate mathematical progress.

To ensure your child has the best experience possible, please note the following information.

Troubleshooting tips

- Recommended internet browsers are Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox and Microsoft Edge. Some versions of Safari are less compatible with Maths-Whizz so we advise not using this browser. Recommended browsers can be downloaded free of charge.
- Ensure that your Flash Player and internet browser versions are up to date.
- Clear your history (cache) – details of how to do this for each browser can be found in the FAQ section of the [Maths-Whizz website](#).
- Ensure that your pop-up blocker is turned off for whizz.com.

iPads and Tablets

To access Maths-Whizz on an iPad or tablet, please download the free 'Puffin Academy' app and search for Maths-Whizz once installed. Further details of this app can be found in the [blog](#) (search iPad) on the Maths-Whizz website.

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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