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Dear families

Cycle 1 Reports

As previously communicated in the summer term, we believe consistent reporting mechanisms mean you get the information required to help gauge how your child is performing in their academic education. This will support them to make their next steps.

Today, students in Years 1-6 have been given reports which align across all of the primary academies in Dixons. All primary academies in our Trust have moved to reporting a standardised score for reading, GPS (grammar punctuation and spelling) and mathematics, this is taken from a national assessment and provides your child with a score that compares them directly to others in their year group.

For writing, you will receive a grade based on on-going teacher assessment. The grade will indicate where your child is in relation to the expected standard for their year group.

Alongside this standardised score, you will also be told the Academy Average and the scaled score your child would have needed to reach a high score. A high score is a result that places your child in the top 25% of students nationally.

Whilst we pride ourselves on a no excuses culture, your child's last uninterrupted school year was in 2018/19 academic year and I know that you will continue to support your child to ensure they reach their full potential. Staff and students are working incredibly hard to ensure students are supported to achieve strong outcomes by the end of the academic year.

Please ensure you read the 'Key' section at the bottom of your child's report which gives a further explanation about what the standardised scores mean. PKS stands for Pre-Key Stage; WTS stands for Working Towards; EXS stands for Expected Standard and GDS means Greater Depth.

Over the course of the year you will receive three reports, a phone call home (this has already take place this cycle since September) as well as a parent/carer consultation event in the Summer term.

Reception students do not complete Cycle 1 assessments but a progress update will be communicated in Cycle 2 and 3 each year. Phonics scores are reported from Cycle 2 for Years 1 and 2 each year.

As always, we highly value the power of the three-way partnership between parent, student and teacher at Dixons. Therefore, you can also contact the academy using your child's class email address (e.g. leeds@dixonsmp.com) if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



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