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Dear Parent/Carer

Praising Stars 3: Termly Progress and Effort Reports – February 2021

We are pleased to provide your child's Praising Stars 3 report which, unlike under normal circumstances when you would have a paper copy sent through the post, will be sent to you via your son or daughter's school email account today. It has been distributed in this way, as we explore the most effective manner in which to communicate to parents/carers at this challenging time.

Throughout the remainder of the academic year, you will receive a further three reports and have the opportunity to attend three parents' evenings annually, which gives you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

In the email that you will have received to your child's school email account, explanations are provided about key features of the Praising Stars 3 report, including how we are reporting on 'effort only' or 'effort and progress', depending on which academic year your son/daughter is studying.

An important part of the Praising Stars report is attendance and we know how important great attendance is to school. At the moment, we do recognise that unlike at any other time, parents and children are learning to access education in very different ways and overcome various challenges to do so. We are confident, however, that the vast majority of students have access to reliable IT equipment and internet broadband, to support their access to live lessons, having gathered feedback on this from parents/carers in recent surveys. Please can I therefore thank you for your support of our live lessons and ask that you continue to encourage your children to login to their live lessons and crucially complete all work set by their teachers.

We will hold our next parents' evening on Tuesday 23 February 4.00-6.00pm, having rescheduled from the original date in January. This will take place virtually and will allow parents/carers to meet with the tutor of their child to discuss the Praising Stars 3 report, as well as clarify any aspects of concern. Additional details of how appointments can be booked with your child's tutor, will be provided before the half-term break.

If the Praising Stars report is positive, rest assured, we will celebrate this success with students. A positive report also indicates that students are demonstrating those attributes of being Safe, Respectful and Responsible, as they go about their daily work either within the school or during their live lessons.

I trust you will find the information contained in the report helpful, but if you do require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Do of course discuss the report with your child too.

Finally, to ensure we know you have received this report, I would be grateful if you could complete the online google form by following the link provided here <https://tinyurl.com/15yilf9f>. This will avoid unnecessary phone calls and/or letters home to check you have received this report.

I wish you and your family well during this continued period of challenge and uncertainty.

Thank you for your continued support as we drive Outwood Academy Normanby forwards; it is appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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