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Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to advise you that we have purchased the licence to a Literacy website called IXL in our school, to improve the English and general literacy levels of our students. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited English practice problems in thousands of skills – all of which are aligned to the national curriculum. One of the best things about IXL is that your child can access it from home, so you have a chance to see your child's progress!

For your child to get started on your home computer, or other electronic device linked to the internet, please follow these easy steps:

- 1.1. Go to <https://www.IXL.com>
- 1.2. Enter the username and password in the upper right corner and click the button to sign in. (Note: If the username and password are not listed below, they will be provided separately.)

Username _____ Password _____
- 1.3. Click on the name of the subject you'd like to work on at the top of the page and navigate to your chosen level, or the level instructed by the teacher.
- 1.4. Select a specific skill to practice from the list of skills. You can place your mouse over any skill to see a sample question and click on the link to begin. Please note that starting in the KS2 and KS3 skill areas will provide quick and effective revision of the basics and should not be ignored. If good at English, these lower levels should be completed quickly and with a high degree of accuracy.
- 1.5. To reinforce all of the basic skills **everyone is to start at Year 2 skills and work upward from there**. Although we are reminding everyone of these basic skills, there is nothing to stop them dipping in and out of any of the other year groups, right up to Year 13 if they wish to challenge themselves and move their knowledge forward.

In addition to making practice exciting, IXL is designed to help your child learn at his or her own pace. The program is adaptive and will adjust based on your child's demonstrated understanding of the material.

All of your child's results will be saved, so you can monitor his or her progress anytime by clicking on the *Analytics* tab at the top of the page.

For on-the-go practice, you can download IXL's free tablet apps for iPad, Android, or Kindle and sign in with your child's username and password.

To improve the accuracy and understanding of the key skills in Literacy, all One In A Million Free School students have been made aware that IXL is available for them to revise their English skills for 10 minutes a day.

The minimum expected personal study per week is 60 minutes between a Monday and a Sunday evening: This could be done in one go, or broken into shorter sections, it is up to the student to manage their time. Whilst this is a minimum, there is no anticipated maximum.

It is imperative at this stage in your child's development that you work with us to support your child by checking their usage by logging on to view their accomplishments. If there is an issue with access to the programme, there will be availability of ICT in school every lunchtime, or after school if arranged.

I will be checking on a Monday morning to ensure all personal study has been completed; If they have not completed a minimum of 60 minutes during the previous 7 days then your child will have to remain in school on a Friday afternoon to complete an hour on IXL under my guidance. Obviously, this is not something we wish to do, therefore please stress the importance of following the request.

All the students are aware that the 60 minute expectation began on Monday 13th March.

I hope you'll encourage your son or daughter to use IXL regularly. Here's to us working together to make learning fun and effective for your child!

Yours faithfully

**Karen A Wright
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