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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing about an important update regarding our approach to homework and learning resources. On **Thursday 27th March 2025**, all students in **Years 7**, 8, and 9 will be issued a **Kindle tablet to use at home**. The device is intended to support students in completing their **Sparx Maths**, **Reader**, and **Science homework each week**.

Homework is a key element of our education strategy, reinforcing learning and developing essential independence skills. We hope that the Kindle tablets will provide students with a platform to complete their homework with greater ease at home. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting students and ensuring they have the necessary tools to succeed.

To get started with their devices, students will need to set them up independently and register an account with Amazon. A <u>setup guide</u> is available online to assist them in the process and support will be offered in school. *Please view the online version of this letter to access the link to the setup guide*.

Please note that in order to fully utilise the Kindle tablets, students will require an internet connection at home. Should you wish to manage or limit your child's internet usage on the device, you will need to set up appropriate controls either through the device settings or in collaboration with your internet service provider. For further guidance on online safety, we recommend reading the NSPCC's **Online Safety and Parental Controls Guide**. Please view the online version of this letter to access the link to the parental controls guide.

There is a drop-in session for parents/carers on Tuesday 15th April, 3:30-4:30pm, to help with setup and to answer any questions about the kindles. If you do not wish for your child to receive a Kindle tablet, please inform us by emailing enquiries@firvale.com no later than Tuesday 25th March 2025, and we will ensure that the device is not issued to your child.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Kind regards,

Dominic Bould Assistant Headteacher

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