

29th September 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Homework and Arbor – Information for Parents, Carers and Pupils

We are now well into the autumn term, and I would like to remind all pupils and parents/carers of our expectations regarding homework and the use of Arbor.

All pupils should now be accessing Arbor regularly to check what homework has been set, the instructions for each task and the deadline for completion. Arbor is our online homework planner and should be the first place pupils check to keep up to date with their homework. All pupils have registered and logged into their own Arbor account in school. Pupils can also download the Arbor App onto a device at home via the Apple App Store or Google Play Store:

- [Apple App Store](#)
- [Google Play Store](#)

Parents and carers should also log into their own Arbor account to view the homework that has been set for their child, including the deadline for completion. We encourage parents and carers to check Arbor regularly so that they can support their child in keeping up to date with homework.

When logging into Arbor for the first time, parents/carers must first log in via a web browser before attempting to access Arbor through the app.

Please note that the pupil and parent views of Arbor are slightly different. Pupils will need to access their own Arbor account to see the full details and instructions for homework set by their subject teachers.

Key Stage 3

- Core subjects – English, Mathematics, Science and RE: Homework is set once a week, with a maximum expected completion time of 30 minutes per subject.
- Non-core subjects: Homework is set once a fortnight, with a maximum expected completion time of 30 minutes per subject.

Key Stage 4

- Homework is set in all subjects once a week.
- The maximum expected completion time is 45 minutes per subject.

Homework may take a variety of forms, depending on the subject and the learning taking place in lessons. Where pupils are required to complete work using another platform, such as Microsoft Teams or another learning resource, the task and relevant information should still be accessible through, or clearly signposted from, Arbor.

We ask that pupils take responsibility for checking Arbor regularly and completing homework by the stated deadline. Parents and carers can support their child by encouraging them to establish a regular routine for checking Arbor and completing homework.

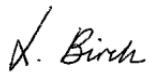
If your you or your child is experiencing difficulties accessing Arbor, please contact me at:

lbirch@stm.srscmat.co.uk

If your child is unsure about a homework task, please encourage them to speak to their subject teacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to maintain high expectations for learning both in and beyond the classroom.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Birch'.

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