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Dear Parent/Carer

***SPELLZONE* - SPELLING PROGRAMME**

I would like to offer you the opportunity to join an exciting spelling programme, which we are undertaking at school. I have considered current spelling scores before recommending your child for this intervention.

Our focus is increasingly looking to improve spelling ages of students in Years 7 and Y8 and above. We have acquired a subscription of ***Spellzone***, a complete online teaching resource covering all spelling rules. The programme is written for students aged seven to adult and is suitable for students with literacy difficulties, dyslexic students and those who want to improve or practice specific spellings for a specific project or exam preparation.

What will I need to do?

Spellzone is available for use on school computers, home computers and mobile devices. You will need to commit to supporting us at school, enabling computer access and encouraging your child to complete the programme daily. Best practice is to establish a daily slot so that this becomes routine. In the planner, please indicate how many sessions they have completed at home during that week. At the end of the school year, we will ask for a brief feedback on the programme.

What will my child need to do?

A Spelling Ability Test is included as part of the *Spellzone* resource. On completion of the test, your child will be provided with a *Spellzone* score and a personal 'Course Pathway', which shows the *Spellzone* units to be completed. The test is repeated at key points and the score and pathway updated according to progress made.

In addition to the personal Course Pathway, teachers may occasionally set specific tasks to be completed in the classroom or as homework. These may be practiced on word lists to support the pathway or for a specific subject, for example, key words used in a History project.

What will school do?

All activity on *Spellzone* is logged and we will monitor your child's progress at school.

Please complete and return the attached slip to the Student Office by **Friday, 3 November 2017**. Please also return the slip if you are interested but are unable to provide access to a computer for your child.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Mrs A Baxter
Lead Practitioner - Literacy



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***Spellzone* Reply Slip – Please return to the Student Office by Friday, 3 November 2017.**

Name of child: _____ Form: _____

We are interested in making a commitment to improve spelling and would like to be involved in the *Spellzone* programme.

Parent / Carer signature:

Student signature:

Date:

