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Dear parent / guardian,

School Priority: Learning & Teaching

A key priority every session is to continually improve the quality of Learning & Teaching. This session staff are working on several key strategies identified from research as having a positive impact on pupil learning. They are;

Cold calling: This strategy is used to support all pupils in thinking about the learning taking place. We know in order to learn that we must purposefully think about the content and processes being taught. Cold calling is used to select pupils to answer, rather than asking for volunteers. This ensures all pupils are thinking and that they have the opportunity to share their thinking. This supports the class teacher in gauging understanding and builds on the pupils thinking for a richer learning experience.

Modelling: Class teachers are using a similar approach to explicitly share their thinking and learning with pupils in class. Making learning visible supports pupils learning processes and enables the class teacher to assess the level of intervention required for each pupil. The language used is, **I Do:** the class teacher demonstrates the learning for the class, **We Do:** the class and the teacher work together and share the learning together, and **You Do:** pupils work independently to build further practice and knowledge when able to do so.

Pupil feedback: The focus for feedback this session will be on next steps for learning with less focus on marks gained. Research shows that marks can often distract from the learning required and can prevent pupils from reviewing their next steps and gaps in learning.

As a school we have had a sharp focus on these approaches through,

Professional learning sessions: Working with expert speakers, sharing effective practice and working collaboratively to improve understanding and practice.

Onvu Camera: Last session volunteer staff piloted the use of Onvu cameras in their classroom to record their teaching and learning instruction. This session all faculties have access to one classroom to use the Onvu camera to improve their teaching practice.

Note

Onvu cameras are used to record teaching practice only. All recordings can only be viewed by the teaching staff involved. This technology is a significant upgrade from handheld devices and enables staff to analyse their practice and instruction as part of our commitment to developing excellent learning and teaching.

Professional reading: Through planned learning, staff engage in professional reading to support the development sessions, Learning and Teaching reviews and planning for learning.

It is hoped that by sharing our priorities you can use this to ask your child about their learning and activities on a regular basis (pupils who think about their learning regularly, learn better).

Our priorities and school activities are shared at our Online Parent Information sessions and I would encourage anyone interested to come along and hear more and or ask any questions about activities in Lornshill Academy. **The first session of the year is this Thursday online at 7pm.** Please look out for the text message sent on Monday, to enable you to sign up and join us.

Kind regards



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Headteacher