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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Spelling Survey**

A new study shows that many bright children cannot spell basic words. So what can we do to help? As the Government has brought back spelling in a big way in Britain's schools, new research shows that children are struggling even with the basics. Studies are showing that spelling tests are not working, despite children achieving full marks in their weekly tests they are not applying it to their day-to-day writing.

A study released by Oxford University Press analysed more than 33 million words written by children and discovered that, despite decades of government blitzes and curriculum changes, children still get key rules wrong – and the mistakes are still there when they start secondary school.

As a Federation we are working hard to implement new strategies and engage children in spelling, but more importantly, emphasise the importance of using correct spelling in ALL areas of their writing and not just for the test. We are still keen to send words home, but would like to develop new games and strategies in order to help the children learn them.

We value your opinion and should like to know your thoughts about spellings . We would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing a very short survey which can be accessed via the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/9fSOddPaE9PUFCpD2>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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