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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to share an update about some changes to our school's settings for Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS).

TTRS is an online maths platform that helps students build confidence and improve their times tables. Your child has their own login details, provided by the school, available in your child's planner, to access the platform.

From 24th November, we will be implementing the following changes to our school's TTRS account:

- **Daily play limit:** Outside school hours, a daily limit will stop gameplay after 20 minutes.
- **Curfew:** Students will not be able to log in from 8pm to 7am.
- **Leaderboards:** Class and school leaderboards will not be visible.

These settings provide some helpful boundaries around TTRS use outside school. They may not affect your child's usual use of the platform at all, but it's useful to have them in place.

You can see how much your child has played each day in their Stats area, and how much of the daily limit they've used in the Wellbeing section of the child's menu.

Why short, regular practice works
Short, regular practice helps facts stick. The more often your child recalls a fact, the easier it becomes to remember. Spacing practice out gives the brain repeated opportunities to strengthen memories, helping facts become more secure.
We recommend three minutes, four or five times a week. This is a guide rather than a strict rule, so if your child plays for a little longer now and then, that's fine. The important thing is to find a routine that works for them.

Why quick recall helps with harder maths:
Answering accurately and quickly is a useful skill that takes practice to develop. A lot of maths that your child learns at school will require multiplication and division to solve or understand so remembering times tables off by heart helps them give more attention to harder maths problems.
Some TTRS games have a timer so children can practise their speed as well as their accuracy. If the timer causes a distraction, you can hide it by clicking your child's avatar, then Settings, then toggle on "Hide timer."
For more information, visit the TTRS Parent Page (ttrockstars.com/parents/) to download the full parent guide.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards,
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