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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are delighted to inform you that here in St.Louis Senior Primary school we will be implementing a new spelling approach which is tailored to meet the needs of each individual child.

Last year as part of our School Self Evaluation we began this journey of differentiating spellings for each individual child. We are going to build on this approach for the academic year 2019-2020. The online *Spellings For Me* is individualised for your child- essentially a tailor-made spelling programme. Your child's spellings will be solely based on the words that they do not know how to spell, based at their own level. No two children will have the same spellings, as no two children are the same.

We are very excited to embrace this more efficient method of teaching and learning spellings that *Spellings For Me* will bring. We are confident that your child will be too! This programme has been created by our very own Ms.Emma Doherty and former St.Louis Staff member Mr.Patrick Grace.

*Spellings For Me* incorporates meaningful, enjoyable activities for your child, that are proven to improve children's spellings. *Spellings For Me* embraces continuous learning and continuous assessment throughout your child's whole spelling journey through primary school. There are a number of resources available online on your child's profile should you wish to use them at home.

What is Spellings For Me ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TT1IftBVWi4&t=15s>

How to Learn your Spellings ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEAV4HWnehI&t=23s>

If you would like to see their progress, you can look at their profile. Here you will see:

- (i) What level your child is on
- (ii) How many words they already knew how to spell
- (iii) How many words they have "mastered" (mastered words are words that the child has spelled wrong but has since learned them and spelled them correctly on the online test.

They can be retested again and again on these words to make sure they really know them)

Your child will earn certificates, which are also available on their profile. This is a great way to celebrate their achievements at their own level.

We look forward to working with you in ensuring the success of this spelling approach which we began last year.

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