



Barnwell's Cost-Saving Homework Solution

And the power of having parents on board



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Barnwell School is located in Stevenage, Hertfordshire and contains over 1000 students. They value themselves on their strong community ethos, the school is unique as it is situated on two campuses, allowing the school to be structured as a Middle and Upper School.

What improvements have you seen since implementing Satchel One?

Since introducing Satchel One we have seen a considerable shift in the amount of homework submitted, especially in the core subjects. Linked to our rewards and sanctions policy, we have seen a reduction in the amount of concerns given for lack of homework. Parental feedback highlights the importance of being able to track what homework has been set across all key stages.

Satchel One has also enabled middle and senior leaders to track the amount of homework being set by departments and individual staff. The best part of the monitoring is that we have been able to praise staff more readily and have evidence-based discussions with those staff that have not set the appropriate amount of homework.

How did you find the set-up of Satchel One?

The set-up of Satchel One was smooth and we were up and running with the basics within a few weeks of initial implementation. Our network manager was fully supported throughout the process, there were a few minor issues with the SIMS link but these were resolved very quickly and efficiently by the support team. Overall the process was no different to setting up any piece of software across the network, there were no complaints and the process was considered easy by all involved.

Barnwell have been using Satchel One for over a year now, how well has it integrated into the school?

Satchel One is now fully integrated at our school. This was easy as our teachers were on board from the start. They are now setting homework regularly and we are eager to start rolling out more advanced features of Satchel One. Parents and students are also using Satchel One to see what homework has been set.

Parents have been positive about Satchel One from the get go as it was introduced to counteract concerns they had regarding the homework policy. Students at KS4 and 5 have said they do not want planners anymore and therefore we are able to save money next year!

Are you happy with the support received from the Satchel One team?

We are very happy with the support provided to us by Satchel. All concerns have been dealt with very well and the training aspect has been very effective. Key members of staff responsible for leading on Satchel One have been left feeling confident cascading the key messages to staff members.

