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Dear Pupils and Parents,

**RE: WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK- due in Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

**Current Affairs Information:**

The government has announced that nearly £45 million will be used to boost primary literacy and improve standards in reading and writing across the country. Education Secretary Justine Greening said, '***Our ambition is that no community will be left behind on education. Today's literacy investment will help make sure that not just most, but every child arrives at school with the vocabulary levels they need to learn***'

I am sure you will agree that developing literacy skills is crucial to everyone. I would like to hear your views on why reading is important and how we can work together to improve reading skills at Good Shepherd.

I would like you to write a persuasive letter to me, presenting your views and including ideas you have on how we can raise standards in Good Shepherd School. Remember to use all the features of persuasive writing and organise your letter in clear paragraphs with a range of interesting vocabulary. Do support your ideas with facts and be PERSUASIVE.

I look forward to reading your letter and will take your ideas to the Pupil Leadership committee, School Council, staff, parents and Governors for consideration. So please ensure that your letter is well presented.

**Remember your letters must be in by Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 9.00 a.m.**

**Children from Years 2 to 6 will be expected to write a letter whilst those in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) and Year 1 can produce a poster or a letter.**

I will select pupils from each year group to meet with the Governors and present their work to them.

Do come and see me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Fernandes  
Headteacher



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# Features of Persuasive Writing

## Purpose:

To argue the case for a point of view and convince the reader.



## Structure:

Introduction – What is the writing about and what is your opinion.

Arguments to support your opinion

Conclusion – repeat your point of view

## Language Features:

Usually written in present tense.

Includes logical connectives to link ideas (therefore, however)


Use emotive language (powerful verbs and strong adjectives)


Ask rhetorical questions

Dare the reader to disagree

Counter arguments from the other point of view.

Try and use some facts as well as opinions.

<b>Persuasive Writing</b> 			
<b>Introductions</b> I think... For this reason... I feel that... I am sure that... It is certain... I am writing to... Of course... In the same way... On the other hand... In this situation...	<b>Making Your Point</b> Firstly, secondly, thirdly... Furthermore... In addition... Also... Finally... Likewise... Besides... Again... Moreover... Similarly... Surely... Certainly... Specifically... If... then... because...	<b>Details</b> For example... In fact... For instance... As evidence... In support of this... <b>Endings</b> For these reasons... As you can see... In other words... On the whole... In short... Without a doubt... In brief... Undoubtedly...	<b>Other Words</b> reasons arguments for against unfair pros cons



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