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Dear Parents/Carers

Home Learning

Since the Easter break, we have altered our approach to home learning and it is important that you know what to expect. Many schools do things differently and we are sure our approach will mean that students are well catered for and will continue to make academic progress during this difficult time. We will also continue to monitor our approach and make changes if necessary, which is why your feedback is welcome.

Since Easter, all year groups have been getting work weekly from each subject. The work is being uploaded by a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the class teacher each Monday to complete by the following Monday.

We know that receiving lots of tasks on the same day may leave students feeling overwhelmed by the amount of work to complete. It is really important that families and students remember:

- Students have a week to complete the work so should create a timetable to help set aside time to complete each task.
- Students are only expected to complete work for the subjects they would do in school normally.

How to make home learning work for your family

We are realistic about what pupils will be able to do during this period, and we want you to be too.

You are not expected to become teachers and your children are not expected to learn as they do in school. Providing them with some structure at home will help them to cope.

The following tips are designed to help you create a positive learning environment at home. See what works best for you, but you could try:

- **Involve your children in setting the timetable where possible.** It's a great opportunity for them to manage their own time better and it'll give them ownership.
- **Create and stick to a routine if you can.** This is what children are used to. For example, eat breakfast at around the same time and make sure they're dressed before starting the 'school day' – avoid staying in pyjamas!
- **Check in with your children and try to keep to the timetable, but be flexible.** If a task/activity is going well or they want more time, let it extend where possible.
- If you have more than 1 child at home, **consider combining their timetables.** For example, they might exercise and do maths together – see what works for your household.
- **Designate a working space if possible,** and at the end of the day have a clear cut-off to signal school time is over.



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- **Stick the timetable** up on the wall so everyone knows what they should be doing when, and tick activities off throughout the day.
- **Take stock at the end of each week.** What's working and what isn't? What are the 'best bits' of the day/week? Ask your children, involve them too.
- **Distinguish between weekdays and weekends,** to separate school life and home life.
- **Give them chores** to do so they feel more responsible about the daily routine at home.
- Ask them to **help you cook**, bake, garden, etc.
- Accept that **they will probably watch more TV/spend more time on their phone** – that is ok but you might want to set or agree some screen time limits.

Please don't worry about your children getting behind with learning. Everyone's in the same boat, and when things get back to normal we'll make sure we get everyone back on track.

Very best wishes to all of our students and families at this time.

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