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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update from the St Paul's Team

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you have been enjoying the lovely weather.

Staying Connected

We are missing everyone very much - St Paul's is not St Paul's without its school family and now more than ever, it is important for every child to stay 'connected'. Throughout the closure, our teachers have been messaging the children via the learning platform, responding to questions, pieces of work and messages they have received from pupils. If your child has yet to log in, make sure they do as we would love to hear from them! For any problems logging in, contact IT_Tech@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Home Schooling & Work Packs

Our team has been working hard to find a way to facilitate remote learning that eases pressure on parents and removes the need to print off lengthy workbooks. From next week onwards, we are moving to a system of daily schedules, which include video lessons from Oak National Academy. Backed by the government, the academy has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown and is a new collection of high-quality teaching resources. Having trialled video lessons with the pupils in school this week, the staff are impressed with the quality and have found them to be well-structured and age appropriate in content, enabling the children to work independently. The children say the lessons are really interesting and good fun.

Every Friday, a week's worth of schedules for every year group will be published on the website. Each will include:

- A Maths, English and third curriculum lesson per day (accessible on any device- no sign-up or logins required);
- Suggestions for additional curriculum related activities;
- Brief details as to what is involved in each lesson and activity, as well as the resources your child will need;
- A daily PE session.



Organisation

Next week, the Academy will publish their Week 2 lessons but our schedules for next week will include the lessons from Week 1. Running a week behind enables each teaching team to have viewed the latest lessons in advance of our pupils, before deciding whether or not to include them or replace them with an alternative. It also means that we will be able to post schedules for the upcoming week on our website each Friday, giving you the chance to talk with your child about what their learning looks like for the following week.

Flexibility

Subject lessons are sequential so Monday's schedule should be used on Monday, Tuesday's on Tuesday etc. As lessons are not being streamed live, the timings for activities and lessons within each day can be organised to suit you.

Expectations

Not every pupil will be able to complete every activity each day and there may well be days when, for whatever reason, home schooling may not be a priority – all we ask is that children:

- keep in contact with their teacher via the learning platform;
- complete any learning they can (we know that every pupil's circumstances will differ);
- get plenty of sleep and exercise;
- help out at home e.g. tidy bedrooms, laundry in hampers, resisting the urge to argue when screen time ends etc.

We will continue to:

- Keep in touch with the children via the learning platform;
- Keep in touch with you via the Newsletter and ParentMail;
- Try to make your home-schooling experience as stress free and successful as possible.

Schedules

The daily schedules for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 for next Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are now available on the Homework pages of our website [here](#), along with a series of [video user guides](#).

Finally, I cannot begin to tell you how much we are looking forward to the next time we come together as a whole school family. Although we may be apart, we remain a loving and caring community.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J M Taylor - Headteacher

