



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

Friday 20 March 2020

Dear parent/carer,

Corona Virus

Since our regular updates, the effect and the disruption to normal routine has dramatically increased. We continue to plan for all eventualities, on a daily basis, following the advice of ***the Department of Education and Public Health, England.***

Current position

School is closed to the majority of students from Monday 23 March. We have contacted the parents of children with an EHCP or who are vulnerable. We also now have a list of students whose parents have been identified as 'key workers and who will require child care at school.'

These students should come into school via the main reception at from 8.50am where a temperature check will be conducted. A range of activities will be offered. The school day will finish at 3.25pm. All students who are not in receipt of free school meals (this includes universal free school meals for infants) should bring a packed lunch.

Full school closure

Work will be set for all students and handed in via **'Show my home work'** and using school based email. Details are attached to this letter.

Deliveries of food for students who are in receipt of free school meals will be made once a week – the details have been sent in a separate letter and are posted on the website.

Social distancing

The government have put this measure in place to protect the country from rapid and widespread infection. Social distancing measures are steps you can take to reduce the social interaction between people. This will help reduce the transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

They are:

- Avoid contact with someone who is displaying symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). These symptoms include high temperature and/or new and continuous cough
- Avoid non-essential use of public transport, varying your travel times to avoid rush hour, when possible
- Work from home, where possible. Your employer should support you to do this. Please refer to employer guidance for more information

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- Avoid large gatherings, and gatherings in smaller public spaces such as pubs, cinemas, restaurants, theatres, bars, clubs
- Avoid gatherings with friends and family. Keep in touch using remote technology such as phone, internet, and social media
- Use telephone or online services to contact your GP or other essential services

Exams

The Department for Education and the JCQ (exam authority) are still to decide about exams grades. When schools are informed we will of course inform students and parents.

Support

The Parenting Team at Shropshire Council will continue to offer telephone consultations to support parents and carers with:

- managing difficult questions and worries from children due to the current situation
- managing challenging behaviour which might be a result of the changes to their everyday lives
- suggestions on activities with children

Call 01743 250950 or email parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk to arrange a consultation at a time convenient to them.

We will of course have staff in school on a rota basis. If you need to contact school please email or phone, but at some times of the day this will not always be manned, but we will get back to you.

This is an unprecedented time for us all; these actions are necessary to protect the most vulnerable in our community.

Your sincerely,

Sue Lovecy
Head Teacher



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Primary Phase

During the school closure, class teachers will set work each day on Show My Homework (SMHW). Teachers will re-issue pupils with their login (email address) and password and will go over with pupils how to access their homework. Guidance about logging in at home can be found attached.

Passwords: Reception – Year 3 = Password123
 Years 4 – 6 = Animal123

There are some websites that are providing free resources for teachers/parents/carers during school closures. Class teachers may set parts of these on SMHW during the closure. They are:

<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/about-hamilton/use-for-free/>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/wellbeing-parents/school-closures-category-free-resources-parents/school-closures-free-resources-parents> (you will need to subscribe to this site for free in order to access resources. You will be able to access this for 4 weeks if needed). This web site is good for the whole of the curriculum and is age appropriate.

<https://www.mathshed.com/> (maths)

<https://ttrockstars.com/> (timestables)

<https://www.spellingshed.com/> (spellings)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> (phonics games and activities) Username March20, password home

<https://topmarks.co.uk/> Maths and English games.

[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/)

Mr T Home

Jack Hartman These are curriculum based videos.

<https://ictgames.com/> Maths, English and phonics

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/> This is a free resource on a laptops and computers but not on phones or tablets. (Sometimes you can download the app for free, please keep checking.)

Oxfordowl (reading materials)

Daily Tasks:

1. Daily reading (10 – 15 minutes)
2. Phonics and/or spelling practice (see SMHW). Pupils in Years 4- 6 will bring home their spelling book so that they can complete their daily practice. Pupils in Years 4 – 6 will also bring home their spelling booklets. Pupils in Years 3 and 4 have an A4 sheet of words that they are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 4. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 have an A4 sheet of words that they are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 6 (these will both be available on SMHW)
3. Number Work (this might be links to Number Blocks or tasks to do at home or links to the sites listed above) – See SMHW
4. Topic tasks – this will be to complete the topics started this term and start a new topic if needed – See SMHW

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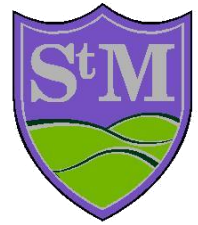
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5. Projects – pupils may wish to keep a diary or undertake projects of their own or projects relating to their school topics – see SMHW

Year 6 SATs revision using workbooks – Mrs Pritchard will set certain pages to complete and include links to help pupils.

Structure of the day

You may find it useful to devise a plan for the day. There are some examples on the internet.

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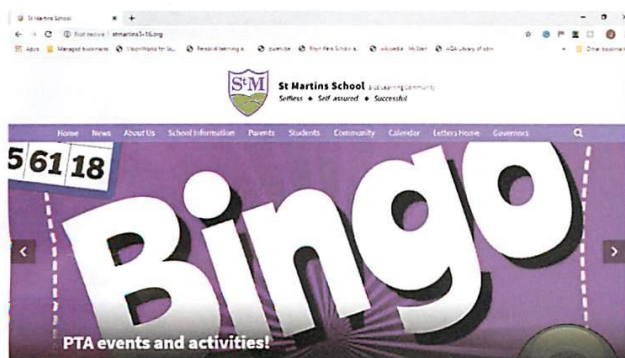
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Accessing ShowMyHomework

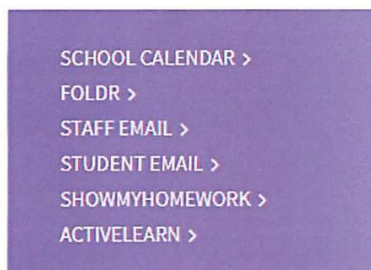
Student Guide

Step 2: Through the school website

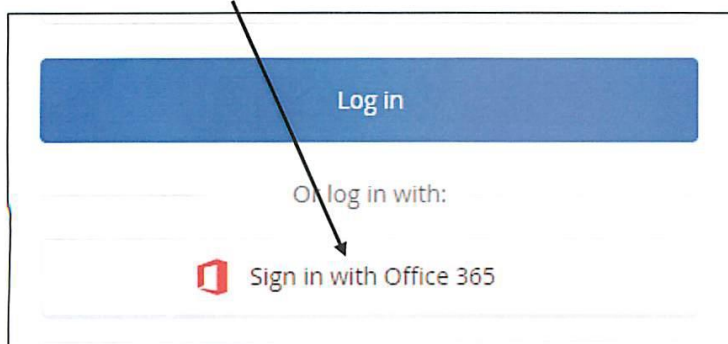
Access the school website on <http://www.stmartins3-16.org/>



Scroll down to the bottom of the page and select the link for SHOWMYHOMEWORK



Select the Sign in with Office 365 link.



Enter your school email address, e.g.

21ibloggs@stmartins3-16.org.

(you will be taken to the St Martins Organisation page.)

Pupils will be reminded of their email address and password detail while at school.

Enter the same password you would use to sign in to the network at school.

This should give you access to your SMHW account.

All enquiries can be forwarded to john.holmes@stmartins3-16.org and I will try to get answers back to you asap.