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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Home Learning

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their home learning experience. The aims of this provision is to equip your child with important knowledge and skills, such as:

- Important knowledge for subjects they study
- Enhance key skills such as time management and independent learning
- Increase use of virtual formats to aid educational learning.

We are constantly working on improving our approach to home learning. We are beginning to use Microsoft Teams alongside Show my Homework to allow us to use teacher audio, to set more detailed assignments, and to provide feedback to students on their learning.

We really welcome your feedback so please continue to use the home learning email for any queries, we have dedicated senior leaders responding to this regularly during the school week: homelearning@stmarksacademy.org.uk.

I would like to continue to stress the importance of your child engaging with home learning whilst ensuring safety and mental health and wellbeing are of utmost importance.

What can you do to support your child with home learning?

- Regularly look at Show my Homework with your child and the work that has been set for that day/week
- Ask your child to show you any 'shout outs' from teachers or mentions in Friday's Progress Leader rewards assemblies and consider offering a reward at home to motivate your child
- Ask your child to show you the notes they have made or the activities they have completed for their lessons. (All lessons end in a quiz, but students should also be spending 30-50 minutes making notes and completing activities before they complete the quiz)
- Ask your child to tell you about things they have learnt and celebrate their successes and hard work at home
- Encourage your child to send their teacher messages on Show my Homework if they get stuck

Principal Lisa Peterkin

Please be reminded that in the meantime, the school is still open only for vulnerable pupils and the children of critical workers. Until we're told it's safe to do so, we're unable to provide places for other children.

I appreciate the challenges of the international pandemic and ask that you continue to take time to stay safe and be well, please feel free to visit our [health & well-being page](#) to support you and your families during these challenging times.

With Love, Hope and Trust

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Peterkin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa Peterkin
Principal