



10 June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Work pack 3: supporting learning from home

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

I recognise that this remains a difficult time and in many ways we need to be even more vigilant as the lockdown arrangements are eased by the Government. The threat of the coronavirus remains a very real risk to public health. We miss seeing all the pupils every day and hope that in the not too distant future this will be possible and safe.

This letter comes with our third work pack for your child to use at home to support their ongoing engagement with learning from home. This work pack is intended to be used for independent learning and also as part of our online lessons. Teachers will refer to the work pack in those lessons.

I have sent letters to all parents on 2 June outlining the current position with school and our plans for the summer term. I will briefly summarise this again in this letter, although there is no change to the content of those letters.

- The school remains open to pupils each day who fall into the Government's definition for being able to attend. This includes children of parents who are key workers.
- We are keen that this provision is used. If you wish to access this provision, you must first contact the school first to ensure that we have sufficient staff in school. It is not possible for your child to just turn up. If they did, they are likely to be sent home.
- The Government has announced that schools should aim to give Year 10 pupils some 'face to face' time in school before the end of the summer term. I have written to Year 10 parents about this on 2 June and given specific dates when we are planning for this to happen. This was sent by post and via a link in a text on 2 June.
- All other pupils have been asked to stay at home for the foreseeable future.
- For pupils in years 7, 8 and 9 the Government has not announced a return to school date and so the earliest we expect the school to reopen to these year groups in full is September 2020.

So, our approach for the remainder of this term is as follows:

- Providing you with a third work pack a new exercise book to use from home (in the pack sent with this letter).



- Ongoing weekly contact from school from our Welfare Team to ensure that you and those at home are well and to provide any support for home learning that we can.
- Ongoing remote contact and support from subject teachers where you have identified any need through our weekly pastoral calls.
- Your child can message a teacher through MS Teams for any help.
- You can message the school directly using info@thevalley.staracademies.org
- Regular school updates through letters sent to you via text, on our school website, via Twitter and Facebook. You will receive a text each time we publish a new letter.
- Online lessons five days per week for all pupils in years 7, 8, 9 and 10. A summary of the timetable for all year groups is given at the end of this letter.

I know that accessing online lessons is not straightforward for everyone as it will depend on the access you have to broadband and the IT devices you have at home. The pastoral team has been checking on this as part of our weekly calls.

We may be able to help with this so please let the Welfare Team know when they contact you or ring the school directly or email us at info@thevalley.staracademies.org

I will write again with further updates.

Please continue to keep safe and keep in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Kieran Larkin
Executive Principal



Days		Lesson 1 9.00-9.30		Lesson 2 9.45-10.30		Lesson 3 10.45-11.30	Lesson 4 11.30-12.15		Lesson 5 1.15-2.00		Lesson 6 2.15-3.00	Activity		
Mon	Y7	PE	Joe Wicks	English KWA					IT MKI			Walk		
	Y8					Spanish ARI	IT MKI							
	Y9			Maths BSH		Drama EMC				RS CLX				
	Y10			English SFO		Maths SBR			RS CLX					
Tues	Y7					English KWA		Music TWA			History SAS			
	Y8							French EHA	Maths BSH					
	Y9					Maths BSH		History SAS			IT MKI			
	Y10					Science JHE/JHA		Health & Fitness VJA	French EHA/ARI					
Wed	Y7				YouTube	Maths BSH		French ARI/ EHA	RS NSE		Geography SBA			
	Y8					English DPE		Drama EMC Music (8aPa3 TWA)	Science JHE		RS NSE			
	Y9		French ARI			Sports Studies SMH	Geography SBA							
	Y10		English SFO			Maths SBR	IT MKI		Maths Extra BSH					
Thurs	Y7			Maths BSH		Drama EMC								
	Y8			English SFO		History SAS	Geography SBA							
	Y9			English DPE		Science JHA								
	Y10			Science JHE/JHA		Food Tech SBR			History SAS					
Fri	Y7			Science JHA										
	Y8			Maths BSH										
	Y9			English DPE		Science JHA								
	Y10			English SFO		Maths SBR	Geography SBA							

