



THE WHITSTABLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

During this lockdown, teachers will set assignments every day following your child's usual timetable. These will be fully accessible on Google Classroom and will usually include a video to watch and some written work to complete. There may also be reading, quizzes, research tasks and offline activities set. Pupils must be logged on using their swale.at accounts.

Pupils should do their best to complete their assignments on the day they are set so that they don't get behind. Assignments usually have a deadline of a couple of days' time to give you some flexibility. Core subjects of English, maths and science are the most important to complete.

Pupils should aim to submit their work on Google Docs, but can also upload files from other software they use at home (including photographs of written work for practical subjects).

If pupils get behind for any reason, they should just 'submit' the assignments they were unable to finish so these don't build up on their 'to-do' list and become unmanageable. Teachers will be understanding about this. Additional 'homework' will not be set during this period. We care about your child's wellbeing and their mentor or other professionals will make regular contact with your family during the period of lockdown. If you have a safeguarding concern, contact our safeguarding team on this email: tw_safeguarding@swale.at

Please discourage pupils from spending more than 50 minutes on any one lesson. They should also not be working for longer than the usual school day. As a family, you know best how to manage your time and staff are available if you have questions or would like support with anything. There is a list of key contacts under the first question of the FAQ document on this website and teachers can also be contacted through Google Classroom.

Teachers will give feedback through Google Classroom. As when pupils are attending school, 'Key Tasks' will be assessed in more depth through marks and teacher comments. You should not expect detailed responses to everything your child submits, but if you have any queries about feedback please contact the Progress Leader or class teacher in the first instance.

We use pre-recorded lessons created by our school because these can be accessed at the child's own pace and used later for revision if required. Although they take time to produce, we believe these are better than generic resources because they reflect the school's curriculum and pedagogical approaches. We also run 'live learning' sessions for pupils and will include information about these on Google Classroom and share the schedule by email.

Best wishes

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