



The Priory School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the work that you have been doing to support your child/ren to complete their school work while school is closed; we appreciate the many challenges that this can bring and that many of you are still very busy at work. We have also heard that some children are finding the volume of work posted on Show My Homework overwhelming. Please be assured that there is no expectation that all tasks will be completed; we would rather provide more work than is needed than students be at a loose end. Also, in order for staff to record a task on Show My Homework, a deadline must be recorded, but if your child is not able to meet a deadline this is not a problem. Your child will not be set work by their teachers while their teacher is on their two week holiday; please be aware that, due to the need to have staff in school on a rota basis over the Easter holiday, not all staff will be taking their holiday at the same time but will be taking it over a three week period. Your child should consider the period from 6-17 April as their Easter holiday and therefore not complete work during this time unless they choose to.

Please also find attached a document with some suggestions about how you can support your child with remote learning should you be in a position to do so. Many students have adapted well to working from home and are engaging regularly with staff but some will inevitably find this very new way of working difficult. Where this is the case, please encourage your child to make contact with their teacher(s) via Show My Homework – teachers will also be able to make contact with the students in their classes if they think they may need some extra help or prompting. Some teachers are also asking children to use the 30 day share folder – this can be accessed via the School website by clicking on 'foldr' at the bottom of the home page. Students can then use their login details to access the appropriate folders. If they do not know their login details they should communicate this to their class teacher and it is important that they use their own login details for both foldr and Show My Homework.

It is the teachers' main priority at the moment to set engaging work for students that will allow them to make progress; to make sure that students have plenty to keep them productively occupied. We do, however, acknowledge the challenges that can go alongside students learning at home; sharing electronic devices amongst families; fitting in supporting your children with their work alongside your own work; providing resources and managing deadlines. Therefore, please do make contact with your child's teacher via Show My Homework or info@tpstrust.co.uk if you have any queries. With regard to the Year 7 and 8 exams, please do not upload the exam papers but retain them safely until we return to school.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs C Knight,
Assistant Principal