

St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome back to our very first remote summer term! We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the chance to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's well-being and learning during this time. It is very much appreciated and we are looking forward to seeing you all again soon in school.

It is definitely a strange and difficult time for everyone in our Academy community, we want to take this opportunity to assure you that we are here for you and your child every step of the way as much as we can be. We miss having our pupils in school, but must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. We're continuing to open our building to pupils of key workers and those who may need that extra support every day. You can check our twitter account to see some of the fun they are having and even some ideas on activities you can lead at home too! **@StMattAcad**

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from us, please let us know by contacting your child's class teacher in the first instance. You can also get in touch via our **info@stmatthewacademy** email address which is monitored daily. Class teachers are keeping in touch with pupils via weekly emails, please make sure that you support your child in accessing these emails. If your child is in reception or KS1 please respond to the class teacher personally.

We are really excited to be raising money to provide devices to support pupils with remote learning who do not currently have access to these. We have already raised nearly £3,000 in less than a week! We would be grateful for your support whether financially or else through sharing our link with your families, friends and social media platforms. **Please help us reach our target of £10,000!**

If your child does not currently have access to a device which enables them to complete the excellent resources our teachers have been preparing for them, please let us know so that we can support you further. Please send an email to info@stmatthewacademy.co.uk with your child's name, year group and an outline of the support needed.

Our teachers will be setting plenty of tasks for pupils to get involved with over the summer term – so do keep a close eye on Read theory, Hegarty Maths and Classroom Secrets. Above all else, please ensure that your child is read to or reading to an adult every day – Read to succeed! Do remind your child to take breaks away from screens as well and also make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family, whilst taking time to exercise and stay fit and healthy. We also love seeing the children's fantastic learning at home, so please keep sending pictures of their efforts to their class teachers. Our teachers are continuing to award 'Star of the Week' to celebrate excellent learning each week so do check our weekly newsletter to see who is nominated.

We have been incredibly busy setting up a more accessible and effective remote learning platform; Seesaw, which will be launched on Monday 4th May. This platform will allow the teachers to record teaching videos and resources so that lessons are more interactive and provide a higher level of support for your child. Your child's class teacher will email them to provide them with instructions on how to access this platform.

Whilst we currently have not been able to set a date to reopen the school we will be doing everything we can to provide the best learning experience we can for your child during the closure.

Please stay safe,
Kind regards

Ms J Chick
Head of Primary

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