

# St Matthew Academy

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

Headteacher: Ms Miranda Baldwin

Head of Primary: Ms Joanna Chick



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and welcome 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 wellbeing and learning during this time. It is very much appreciated and we are looking forward to seeing you all again soon in school.

It has certainly been a strange and difficult time for everyone in our school 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 the pupils in school, but we 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 **@StMattAcad** to see some of the fun they are having and even some ideas on activities you can lead at home too!

Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by contacting the Form Tutor or Director of Learning in the first instance. You can also get in touch via our **info@stmatthewacademy** email address which is monitored daily. Form Tutors and Directors of Learning are keeping in touch with pupils weekly via emails, please makes sure you support your child in accessing these emails.

We are 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 raise nearly £3000 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. **Help us to meet our target of £10,000!**

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

Our teachers will be setting plenty of tasks for pupils to get stuck into over the summer term. 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. Our teachers will also be rewarding pupils for their achievements so do check our weekly newsletter for updates and to see who makes it to our

We have been incredibly busy setting up a more accessible and effective remote learning platform which will be launched next **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April** across most subject areas. Please see the attached document which clearly outlines the new timetable, a guide on how to access Google Classroom and links for other excellent online learning platforms.

Whilst we currently have not been 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.  
Stay safe and best wishes

Yours sincerely

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