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SIR JAMES SMITH'S  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

I just wanted to let you know that the information to support home learning has been updated on the school's website. As before you will find details organised by subject and year group. I know from the log made of calls you have had with your child's tutor that this information, together with the contact your children are making on Show My Homework, is proving invaluable and I hope you find this latest update just as helpful.

It has been fascinating to read of the many different ways in which you are supporting your children with home learning. What has become clear is that regardless of what the activity is, the key to success is routine and encouragement. Things are difficult enough at the moment as it is, it is important that home learning doesn't become the focus of yet more stress. The truth is that all children are inquisitive and want to learn and want to be praised for doing so, they just don't always make this obvious or easy! Whilst much of what we're experiencing is new, it was reassuring to read that some of the age old problems are still making themselves felt. As a modern twist to the 'dog ate my homework' line, spare a thought for the family currently waiting on engineers to come and fix their internet after their dog ate through the cables. Even pets are finding this time a challenge. Whether you are having to suffer somebody learning the ukulele or hammer together that BMX ramp, there is learning to be found in all of it. In addition to the information available from traditional school subjects (all important areas to build into any routine) you will find resources to help with PSHE and Careers, there's plenty of variety out there to help keep you going through this continued lock down.

I know that there are questions out there concerning school trips and equipment to help support home learning for some, as and when there is information out there to help answer these questions I will of course be in touch. In the meantime you can always contact the school through the usual channels with any questions you might have (or through Show My Homework if the question is about a task set).

Keep well.

Yours faithfully

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