

24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a tough and trying time for our Kings Community. We are facing an uncertain few months but I wanted to express my thanks to so many of you for taking on the challenge of educating your child at home.

Please don't be hard on yourself if it seems to be a struggle to get your child to sit down and engage in tasks. It will take time for our children to adjust to a different routine. The Department for Education, myself and my staff do not have an expectation for you to deliver the National Curriculum.

What is important in the next couple of weeks is that you find a structure that works for your family. Many of you are taking on the difficult task of supporting children's learning across KS1 to KS4, with some children having special educational needs. This may require skills and knowledge that you may not have used since your own schools days. Please don't worry if you don't know something, we can help, please reach out and we can sign post you to help and guidance – [studysupport@kings-international.co.uk](mailto:studysupport@kings-international.co.uk)

The most important aspect of the next few weeks is to keep safe and healthy. Observe the new government restrictions and look after your family's mental health. If that means your child doesn't do a particular task that is fine. For the younger years start with trying to ensure they read and practice their maths skills daily and then build up to adding other subjects over the coming weeks. For the vast majority of older students they will already have the skills to work independently, so for them it is about designing a schedule that fits around your family's day.

To support family learning and to try and keep the Kings family supporting each other we are pleased to launch our Kings Facebook home learning group. This is a closed group where we can share ideas, videos, mental health support and an opportunity for families to share successes. We would love to see student's creations from art work to cooking. Every day there will be a daily challenge that the family can take part in with the winning family or student announced the following day. If you would like to join the group, please use this link to request access <https://www.facebook.com/groups/894056177710189/>

Together we will get through this and I am so proud of our Kings community who have taken on this unwanted challenge in testing times.

With best wishes,



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