

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are staying safe and well and have managed to enjoy some time over the Easter period.

Below is some guidance regarding the next phase of Distance Learning at Plymstock School. Whilst the majority of the systems will remain in place from before Easter we have tried to streamline and make it a little easier for you to access:

- All tasks will continue to be set on Show My Homework and will direct students to another online platform if necessary e.g. google classroom, SENECA, GCSEPod
- Show My Homework tasks will have a standardised title which will begin with the subject and then week beginning information and then the lesson of that week if your child has more than one e.g.
English, WK Beginning 13th April, Lesson 1
- All deadlines for the tasks set will be the Sunday of that week; this is to make it easier for you and your child to navigate Show My Homework. It does not mean that the work should be completed by then; your child should ensure it is completed by the first lesson of that subject in the next week
- For parents of Year 10 students we have invested in a new online platform called GCSEPod, Mr Taylor will send out parent and student guides shortly
- For parents of Years 11 and 13 staff will provide resources if your child wishes to continue to study independently; we encourage your child to email or message their teacher directly to ask for any resources that they may need

I would like to reiterate the point I made before the “holiday” that you and your family’s health and wellbeing are your number one priority at this time and we thank you for all that you are doing to support your child’s learning at home. We, as a school, will continue to provide your child with work that will help to consolidate their prior learning and help them progress. However, as I said to you before the “holiday”, please do not become overwhelmed and put unwelcome strain and pressure on you and your family, you can only do what you can do. As a suggestion, you may wish to turn off the notifications for Show My Homework and instead periodically check when you have the time.

All copies of letters that have been sent home via MyEd can be found on the Distance Learning area of the schools website, where you also find other activities that you and your child can do at home. <https://plymstockschool.org.uk/distance-learning/> . As a school we will continue to update you via the normal school communication channels.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you need support or help with any aspect of your child’s learning or well-being.

Take care of yourselves,
Best wishes



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