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## Our COVID-19 Home Learning Policy

Dear Parents,

It is vital that your child continues to make excellent progress in their learning whilst they are self-isolating or whilst we are closed to most pupils (for example, in a future lockdown). We are recommending a **minimum of two hours** of good quality home learning per pupil per day whilst your child is not in school.

### Self-isolation paper-based home learning

In the case of a class bubble having to self-isolate, your child's class teacher will distribute a paper booklet with a sufficient amount of work to last for 10 school days. Please support your child as much as you can with this work and please mark the work and record any observations or comments on your child's work. Please ensure that this work is returned to school as soon as your child's self-isolation period ends. Your comments will be helpful to your child's class teacher by letting them know how well your child did and where they may need additional support. House points will be awarded for returned work.

### Lockdown paper-based home learning

If we go into a whole-school lockdown, your child will bring home published CGP books with a greater quantity of work than the self-isolation booklet. Please complete the home learning log on the inside cover of these books on a daily basis, so that we will know how well your child got on with their paper-based home learning. These learning logs will be reviewed when pupils return to school so please keep them up to date. There are answers at the back of most CGP books. Parents should remove these and keep them safe. We would like parents to use the answers to mark your child's work. This will help inform the comments that you record. House points will be awarded for returned work.

### Internet-based home learning for self-isolation or lockdown

If you have an appropriate device and access to the internet, the school now has a learning platform (Education City) where teachers will set, monitor and mark tasks on a daily basis for pupils in their class. This meets all the requirements of the DfE's home learning checklist. This platform can be accessed at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk>. On the home page, click on the 'Home Learning' tab (it is on the far right hand side) and follow the instructions. Resources here should be used by pupils during either a class bubble's self-isolation period or during a more prolonged school lockdown. Your child has been shown how to access these resources.

### Internet-based home learning for a child exhibiting symptoms

Individual children who are sent home with symptoms of COVID-19 and who subsequently test positive may still be well enough to learn from home during their period of self-isolation. In this case, they should complete the self-isolation paper booklet given to them by their teacher, as well as use the online resources on the school website **other than** Education City. There are links to these on the home learning page of the school website. These are sites such as BBC Bitesize Daily and Oak National Academy.

If you have any questions or concerns about home learning, we do want to hear from you. Please email [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk) stating your child's full name, their class and their classteacher's name as well as the nature of the comment or concern. Your comments will be responded to as soon as possible. Alternatively, phone school on 0161 224 5552.

Yours Sincerely,

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