



Parent Newsletter

St Mary Magdalene Secondary

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Dear Parent/Carers ,

Happy Easter all! I hope you are all well and keeping safe whether you are still working or if you are working from home. At school, as you are aware, we are still open for children of key workers and teachers are working on ensuring work on SMH is monitored and regular feedback is provided.

This week, along with this newsletter, I have also sent a student bulletin, highlighting **the** many achievements students have been awarded with over the last two weeks. Please do share this with your child and do congratulate them.

Please also refer to the letters I have sent out via email over the past two weeks and information on the school website. On the home page of the school website, after scrolling down to the latest news tab, you will find all the letters sent out by the Federation Executive Headteachers as well as all of my secondary specific letters and information.

WORK FOR YOUR CHILD

In the lead-up to **the** school closures, teachers at St Mary Magdalene issued students with work to cover the fortnight up to Easter. For those absent at this time, this work has been made available on Satchel (aka Show My Homework). This work forms an important part of the curriculum and I am pleased to say that most students have completed this work to the best of their abilities. However, in some cases, students have not been regularly logging in or completing work, and we have therefore made a number of phone calls home to discuss this with parents/carers because these students are in danger of falling behind academically and underperforming. Thank you all for your support in ensuring your children do their very best even in these difficult circumstances.

Over Easter, all students will be set activities to check that they have understood the work set over the past two weeks. This will include tests and submitting work online, and the quality of work and scores achieved will be recorded by teachers.

After Easter, work will be set daily in line with your child's school timetable. As such, you can expect five hours' work to be set for your child every school day, and for it to appear on Satchel/Show My Homework at the start of each weekday. It is important that all work is completed to students' very best ability and on the day it is set; this will ensure that your child doesn't fall behind. Please ensure that work is completed in students' exercise books or, where this isn't possible, on lined paper which is saved carefully for when school returns. Where work is required to be submitted on SMH, students should be uploading this in Word, via the SMH response function, or attaching photo evidence of creative, practical and written work.

You can see your child's home learning and their timetable by downloading the 'Show My Homework' app or logging in online. Please call the school for help or information. If students are confused about their work or have any difficulties, they can contact their teacher through Satchel/SMHW Messenger. Please don't hesitate to contact us yourself using the email addresses below:

romard@koinoniafederation.com

HOW YOUR CHILD ORGANISES THEIR DAY

A normal school day has a lot of structure and your child may be struggling without this. We suggest that you try to continue a structured day as much as possible. Your child should be working for as much time as at school so as not to fall behind academically – but it's also very important to make time for exercise and relaxation. A well-planned balance of activities will make this difficult period of lockdown easier for you and your child. Here's how we suggest your child structures their day:

7:00	Wake up	Get showered, dressed, make the bed, have breakfast.
8:00-8:30	Morning walk	Get some fresh air ! Walk the dog, go for a jog - whatever you do keep a safe distance from others.
9:00-10:00	Subject work 1	Study time as in school, use this time to dedicate to schoolwork or homework assigned by teachers.
10:05-11:00	Subject work 2	-
11:05-12:00	Subject work 3	-
12:05-13:00	Lunch	Take a break and eat lunch.
13:05-14:00	Subject work 4	-
14:05-15:00	Subject work 5	-
15:00-16:00	Physical activity	Get your body moving be it an online exercise class, yoga or skipping.
16:00-17:30	Activity	Use this time to do something you enjoy - connect with friends and loved ones, partake in a hobby- do something just for fun!
17:30-18:30	Chore time	Complete any chores that need doing - tidy your room, help your parents with laundry etc.
18:30-19:30	Dinner time	-
19:30-21:30	Down time	Chill time before bed - watch TV, read a book, play games with family, have a bath.
21:30-22:00	Bedtime	Try not to go to bed too late on weeknights to maintain routine.

KEY WORKERS

For those parent/ carers who are key workers you will have been contacted by us to confirm which dates you need child care support with over the next 2 weeks. Please note it is important that if you require your child to attend school (only if there is no-one else at home to look after them) then make us aware so your child is on the daily register. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any children into school without prior warning due to our staff:pupil ratio plans. If you do need childcare support it is important you contact eholiday@koinoniafederation.com.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

For those families in receipt of free school meals you should have received an e-mail outlining a voucher system we have set up to support you during this time. If you have any queries regarding this please contact letherington@koinoniafederation.com

CONTACTING US

Please note during the Easter holiday period a very small skeleton staff will be on duty and therefore it may not be possible to answer any queries you may have. We kindly ask you to be patient and we will of course get back to you as soon as possible. During term time we hope to continue to staff the admin offices as normal.

YOUTUBE CLIPS FROM SCHOOL STAFF

To help you with ideas some of our staff team have very kindly put together a number of YouTube clips which you and your children can enjoy on our Koinonia page. The clips range from stories being read, exercise and craft activities. Over the weeks we will be adding more and we hope everyone enjoys hearing or seeing a familiar face!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPYn5XG2iDrw9bNOapiuGRg>

A MESSAGE FROM REV MARGARET AND REV DOM

Happy Easter Everyone! While you are thinking Easter thoughts at home – why not share stories of sad times and how they passed, share stories of good surprises and think of Jesus' resurrection, and lastly think of the blessings you have been given and what you could do to share the Good News of God's love at this time. Look after yourself and stay strong in the Lord.

Why not check out www.christchurcheastgreenwich.org.uk for online services and information or check out our twitter account @christchurchEG, facebook page or youtube channel www.tinyurl.com/CCEGyoutubechannel to see how we are staying connected with everyone. Happy Easter! **Rev. Dom**

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter. This will be an Easter break like we haven't experienced before. You will find that your children also have work which must be completed over Easter, but is more a consolidation of the Spring term's learning – work will not be uploaded over the Easter holidays. Take care of yourselves and your families, I hope to write to you all again shortly after we return on Monday 20th April (for key worker families).

Yours Sincerely,

Mr R.Hussain
Principal