



SIR WILLIAM STANIER SCHOOL BULLETIN 4

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This bulletin will provide key daily updates regarding the unprecedented COVID-19 virus. Please contact KS3@sws.cheshire.sch.uk for any home learning or general queries relating to Year 7, 8 or 9 and KS4@sws.cheshire.sch.uk for any queries relating to Year 10 and 11.

Today's bulletin looks at the home learning feedback and online safety. As students are likely to be spending more time online, we thought we would share with you some useful information.

Home Learning Feedback

- The school sent a link out to all parents/carers about Show My Homework in order for us to make home learning as good as possible. Over 80% of parents/carers have said that SMHW is easy to use, can be navigated easily and that their child can understand the tasks they have been set.
- 75% of parents/carers are aware that they can contact the school via the two main email addresses (see above) to receive support and guidance for their child.
- The fantastically positive feedback we have received has helped us to identify what SWS need to do next to further support our students, In your feedback:
 1. You asked us to only upload documents to SMHW in 'Word' and not PDFs as PDFs did not let students edit and complete work...*so, we will do this from next week*
 2. You asked us to support with helping students complete their work at home as Microsoft Office is very expensive...SWS is now looking to purchase Office 365 for all students so they can download Microsoft office suite for free – this includes Word and Powerpoint -...*so, we will (hopefully) do this from after Easter.*
 3. You asked us to help find a way teachers can upload feedback on your child's work straight to SMHW. *So, we have contacted SMHW to ask them to make changes to their website to let teachers upload students work with feedback on – Watch This Space!*
 4. You asked us to give you some challenges to do as a family over Easter...*so we are designing you an Easter Challenge Mat which will come out at the start of next week.*

Online Safety

As students are likely to be spending more time online – using SMHW and social media etc -, we thought we would share with you some useful tips and information about **keeping your child safe online**.

- Talk openly with your child about their on-line activity
- Keep screens and devices where you can see them
- Know your parental controls
- Make sure you know who your children's on-line friends are
- Be 'share aware' to protect their privacy
- Make sure your child is keeping their location and personal information private
- Keep track of their on-line time
- Be aware of how to report any concerning material or contact
- Remember that the positive aspects of the internet outweigh the negatives

Useful sites to support you with keeping your child safe on-line:

- [Safer Internet Centre](#) – A place to find online safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online.
- [Webwise](#) - Webwise provides a range of free primary and secondary school teaching resources addressing a range of topics including cyberbullying, image-sharing, social media and more.
- [Childnet](#) - Childnet's mission is to work in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.
- [NSPCC](#) – Work to protect children.
- You can also access the Safeguarding section of the school website to access, [click here](#).

