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Dear Parent/Carer

Working from Home during School Closure – Years 7, 8 and 9

I am writing to provide you with some advice which I hope will allow you to support your child to learn at home during these unprecedented times.

All tasks set by your child's teacher will be uploaded to **Show My Homework** (SMHW), the online platform which we have been using as a school for several months. This will be the only way of communicating work to students during the closure period. If any students or parents/carers have problems logging on please contact the school either through the School Gateway app or via the KS3 email address KS3@sws.cheshire.sch.uk stating the student's name, your email address and what you would like the password to be. These platforms will be monitored on a daily basis. Please allow 24 hours for a response.

We are aware that some students will work through tasks at a faster or slower pace and therefore attached to this letter (and uploaded to SMHW) is a fantastic resource which allows KS3 students to select additional tasks and are not all dependent on the use of technology or the internet. Tasks completed on SMHW will be monitored for completion, all other work should be kept ready to bring into school when we reopen as we will be ensuring students are acknowledged positively for the efforts they have made to maintain their learning at this time.

We would suggest that students structure their time at home to allow for completion of these tasks along with reading, exercise and most importantly time with their families to support each other through what can only be described as uncertain times in these young people's lives. We will communicate out through email, twice a week, to ensure students and families are updated regularly; we feel it is important at this time that students still feel part of the SWS family.



If you have not already logged onto the School Gateway app, I would suggest that this is your first priority in order that we can communicate effectively with you throughout this process. Some parents/carers may need to check that their current email details are correct. You can register as a new user at www.schoolgateway.com. Please contact the KS3 email above if you have any issues.

If there are any **students who require paper copies** of tasks, please email KS3@sws.cheshire.sch.uk. These will

cover the initial period of learning; updates on further collection opportunities will be emailed out in our update emails. Families who are self-isolating and cannot collect resources should contact the school for assistance and we can post a selection of key work home.

We wish all the best to our SWS families

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