

# Reigate School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Before we break up for Easter I wanted to express my thanks for your efforts with supporting your children with their home learning and your patience whilst the staff adapt to a new way of working. From my account last week and Mrs Wardlow's account this week of our own experiences of supervising children with their studies whilst trying to do our jobs from home, we know how challenging this is. Please find attached a letter from the local authority that they have asked us to send out to all parents.

Following some great feedback from parents over the past two weeks, I have been consulting with the teaching staff on how to make the home learning experience more manageable for all our children. I am well aware that I will never find a one size fits all solution but hopefully the measures we are going to put in place after the Easter fortnight break will have enough structure and flexibility to benefit all children. My expectation is that children try the best they can with the work set but should not be upset if they are unable to complete it in the time set. I know that the work will take varying amounts of time for different children to complete and that not all children have access to the same resources.

- Work will be regularly set so that work can be completed on the days that they would normally have that subject on their timetable.
- For longer pieces of work staff will give clear guidance on what needs to be completed during each hour long lesson taking into account that children should only be working for a maximum of one hour for each timetabled lesson.
- Staff have been encouraged to make regular contact through Show My Homework with classes and where possible individual children on a regular basis.
- Staff are to ensure that deadlines being set for work are realistic for both children and teacher workloads with flexibility to complete work outside of the normal lesson timings.
- Staff will set work to arrive in the children's area on the day that lesson is timetabled and a notification that the work has been set will arrive early in the morning on the timetabled day. This should avoid notifications coming through randomly and an unmanageable amount of work arriving at the same time.

Over Easter staff will not be setting work and will not be communicating with the children to all everyone a chance to recharge their batteries ready for the challenges to come next term. However, I am aware that the usual activities that families may experience during the holidays will not be available so we have decided to set some fun activities and challenges that the children can engage with if they choose to. To access the activities, please do the following:

1. Click on the link <https://intranet.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/>
2. Click on Easter Activities on the Reigate School Homepage
3. Login using your Reigate School logon and password

I will continue to inform of you of any government guidance that comes through over the Easter holidays but as it stands at the moment, I can't see any changes to how we are currently working changing in the near future. I hope all families are able to have some quality time together over the Easter holidays.

Yours sincerely



Mr M Alexander  
Head of School