

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last week we have been asked questions about how much work students should be completing and how you can support your children when they are feeling demotivated about completing school work. I want to offer you some advice and reassurance.

Your child's education is important and teachers are dedicated to ensuring that they provide quality work that can be completed independently while at the same time understanding that all students' will respond differently and complete the work at different levels. However, the greatest priority has to be the mental health and well-being for your whole family. Many of you will be working from home as well as trying to support your children with their education, all while being on a national lock down, resulting in added stress and pressure. Put the needs of your family first. If your child is resisting school work encourage them to stick to a timetable and to do their best but do not allow that to become a battle. There are many things that your child can be doing to vary their learning such as watching documentaries, following some of the online lessons that celebrities are delivering, completing exercise routines, cooking, reading, playing board games or mindfulness exercises. These activities are just as valuable.

Try not to worry about your child regressing in school because once school re-opens we will put plans in place to close any gaps in knowledge and will get students back on track.

Ordinarily we would be breaking up for Easter today so I want your children to relax and take a break from school work. We are one community and together we will work through the challenges by putting health, happiness and well-being first.

Stay safe, keep well, offer lots of kindness to others and take good care. Happy Easter

Mrs Sonia Taylor

Headteacher
Online safety

As many of you are using the internet and online resources for home schooling, we wanted to share this website with you, [click here](#). Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

New Community Reassurance Team and helpline number

A New Community Reassurance Team (CRT) has been set up with a dedicated phone line during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic to help those who are vulnerable and in need of help. The CRT will work across the county with our communities in an effort to coordinate support for local residents and businesses. The helpline number is 0345 678 9028. You can find out more by clicking [here](#).

Railway Safety

A reminder of some railway safety
-The trains are still running (although this may be at different times to usual so never presume you know when the next train will pass).
-It is against the law to trespass on the railway and can result in a fine of £1000.
The Electricity is ALWAYS switched on around the railway.
-Always Stop, Look and Listen before using a level crossing.



NOTICES

Sharing work

We wanted to provide somewhere for students to share their work during the school closure. At the top of our Facebook page, there is a pinned post. Drop work into the comments with student name and we will pick a few each week to share on our [Facebook](#) feed. So please contribute as much as you can, show how brilliant and imaginative our students are and send us your contributions – the more the better. Despite this current situation it is important we all stick together, keep our school running and show we are all part of one community.

Trust Newsletter

The Marches Academy Trust Spring Newsletter has been published. It is packed with highlights from Cross-Trust activities that pupils have partaken in and is available to view by [clicking here](#).



Beam – phone based support

From 2nd April 2020, Shropshire Telford & Wrekin Beam will be offering a call-back telephone service.

The support being offered is purely phone-based.

If you feel your child would benefit from the support, please take a look at their website by clicking [here](#).

For young people aged 13+ please ask them to contact us via

AskBeam@childrenssociety.org.uk.

If under 13, an adult will need to email on their behalf.

Competition

Exotic Zoo have very kindly sent us this personalised competition for all Marches Academy Trust students to get involved with! To enter please follow the instructions in the video and post your poster entries into the comments on our Facebook post for a chance to win. Entries must be received by 5:00pm on Monday 6th April 2020 to count. The winner will receive a much sought after Meerkat Keeper Pass Voucher! Head over to this link to get started and learn about minibeasts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZ1r6R-UwwU>

Good luck!

CAREERS

Mrs Murphy, our Careers Adviser, will be available for remote career guidance during the school closure should your child have any career or work experience related questions or concerns. She will be sending out useful articles and will be in touch with Colleges and Sixth Forms to keep abreast of developments relating to admissions. She can be contacted by email at: murphy.m@mmtat.co.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service	0333 358 3654
Compass	0345 678 9021
Early Help	https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/
Parenting Team	01743 250950
SEND Local Offer	https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#).

FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook [@GroveSchoolShropshire](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!
For news from across the Trust, why not also follow [@MarchesAcademyTrust](#).



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