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Dear Parents

Guidance on Home Learning for Parents and Carers

We want to start by passing on our huge thanks to all of our parents and carers for the fantastic work that you are doing, during this extended period of school closure. Your incredible efforts, juggling home-learning with the rest of home-life, are really helping your children to keep learning and to keep engaged with school work. Recent national reports suggest that only a third of pupils from state secondary schools have logged into online tuition. At Blessed Trinity, it is a very different picture!

Here are our figures from last week, a true testament to the support you and your children have shown for learning and education at Blessed Trinity.

Year group	% pupils using SMH in week 6 -13 May
7	92
8	91
9	90
10	92
11	63

We do appreciate how difficult it can be however and have welcomed your feedback as we continue to make improvements to our provision. Here are a few updates.

- **We are here to help**

We have been delighted that so many parents have praised the readiness of staff to respond to queries and questions. We would encourage all pupils to get in touch with their class teachers if they are finding any aspects of the weekly work difficult. Teachers are keen to help whenever they can.

- **Video Lessons**

You have told us that video lessons are particularly useful. Mr Snowden is busy offering staff training to encourage more teachers to make use of the technology available to offer this style of lesson.

- **Clearing the backlog**

Inevitably, some weeks will go better than others for pupils and, if they start to fall behind, the backlog of tasks can become overwhelming on Show my Homework. Dr Tuohy's Guide which is attached shows you how to sit with your child and mark off work to clear this backlog and give them a fresh start when needed.

- **Planning the Day**

Many of you have been in touch to tell us about the plans and timetables you are using at home which all sound terrific. If you are still looking for some advice on how to structure the day, the outline that we follow with the key workers' children in school may be helpful.

Time	Activity
8.30 – 9.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 – 10.45 am	Home Learning using SMH
10.45 – 11.05 am	Break
11.05 – 12.05 pm	Home Learning using SMH
12.05 – 13.00 pm	Lunch and free time
13.00 – 14.00 pm	Sporting activity
14.00 – 15.00 pm	Creative activity

Above all, please keep going! We know it is tough but rest assured that you are doing an amazing job. Do remind pupils to get in touch if they need help, the staff are all here to help!

Our very best wishes to all our families and local community. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely



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