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Dear parent and student

First of all, I hope this letter finds you and your family well. These truly are unprecedented times and more than anything else we hope that you are all safe and healthy.

We have now moved into uncharted territory in striving to provide an excellent online learning experience for your child. This is new for everyone and will take some time to get right. All of our staff are working from home and doing all they can to make this experience as effective as possible. Despite all of our best efforts in using the technology to find creative ways to teach and learn, there are bound to be issues as we all adapt to this new reality. Thank you all for your patience as we all get to grips with this new way of working.

All staff are setting work on Show my Homework but also increasingly through Microsoft TEAMS and it is crucial that students continue to engage with this work. If any student needs help logging in to either of these platforms, then please contact the office at school and they will assist you. You can do this by either emailing [office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk](mailto:office@thevictoryacademy.org.uk) or call us on 0333 360 2140.

Some parents have contacted us to express concern that it can be overwhelming for children to see a long list of activities to complete. As students have 25 hours of lessons throughout a school week, many of which also have homework tasks, it may be a little troubling if children see this work all at once. We understand that not all work set will be completed within the timeframe set and students need some flexibility, especially in the next week or two as this style of working is new. Teachers will fully understand this. Students, with the help of parents at home, will need to develop timetables for working at home and will need to make sure they pace themselves and build in breaks through their days, just as they do at school.

In addition to the work set, we are also planning pastoral support for our students in the form of form activities and online conversations with our staff. Your son/daughter's welfare is just as important to us as their academic progress and please do encourage them to engage with us and the online platforms we have provided.

The government has issued new guidance this week on 'social distancing' and we would like to reinforce the message that students should not leave home during the day unless completely necessary. They should not arrange to meet friends in person but should chat either by phone or online. They should stay indoors throughout the day and work through the assignments that staff have set.



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We will keep you updated. In the meantime, please stay safe and do not hesitate to contact us at school if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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