CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY

20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: SHOW MY HOMEWORK (SMHW)

With effect from tomorrow, Saturday 21 March, all students will move to on-line study.

From Monday 23 March the Academy will be using our existing Show My Homework online platform (SMHW). Staff will begin to upload each lesson's work to the SMHW platform for students to complete. Subject areas will also continue their use of other online platforms such as mymaths, kerboodle, Microsoft Teams etc. We have been assured by SMHW that their online capacity will withstand such increased use. This platform will allow staff to set, as well as monitor, student engagement. SMHW also allows communication between students and their teacher in order to ask questions and gain clarity of understanding. Staff will be able to do all this remotely and provide support and guidance. We are aware that it may not be possible for students to access a computer at all times of the day, for example if there are other children at home whose schools have also set work electronically, so whilst work will be set online we will not always require them to complete it online.

Please help us in by:

- asking your child to **log in to SMHW** and the other apps/platforms they routinely use at school, with their existing ID and password and report any issues to us
- letting your child's Academic Year Leader know as soon as possible if they are not able to access a computer or the internet outside of school
- **You (parent/carer) having access to SMHW.** You may need this to ensure that the work set is done by your child.
- **Monitoring** the work your child completes.

Unlike weather disruption where only a few days of learning may be lost, there is a risk that progress may be affected and so we have requested teachers to ensure quality tasks are set in a proactive way, based on the planned curriculum. Work will continue to be set throughout the period of closure and we will be monitoring this closely.

Our plans also include:

- ensuring work can be differentiated and remote support put in place effectively for students with additional needs
- ensuring all staff have secure and reliable remote access to school systems from home
- effective ways to communicate with all Academy staff and families.

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If you are member of staff in the key workers / emergency services (NHS or in a role associated to providing health / education and well-being to the community) and cannot manage the impact of this situation, please follow the guidance on the provision available.

If the current pattern of disruption continues it is likely that we will have to review our arrangements again. Please check your email regularly for updates.

As ever my colleagues are being imaginative and creative about how we can ensure the very best for our students.

Please follow our guidance for parents for SMHW on our website. If you are unsure of the SMHW parent code, or want to check the one you have been given, you are able to do this via the students account. Simply go to the "Account settings" page where you can view the code. Any further queries or questions, send them to rvaddiraju@chacademy.co.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support at this unsettling time. We remain committed to doing the very best we can for you and your child.

Yours sincerely

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