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Dear parents/carers,

We hope you are keeping safe and well in these challenging times. We are writing to explain our refined approach to Distance Learning for Summer 2.

At Ark Kings Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every student makes excellent progress, develops outstanding character and is successful in life, education and employment. Whilst our school building is closed, our commitment to achieving this mission is as strong as ever. We’d like to thank you for your hard work so far in encouraging students to engage with school work at home.

It is crucial that students continue to study at home in a structured and rigorous way so that they don’t fall behind in their learning and are ready to hit the ground running when they return to school. We have decided to refine our approach to Distance Learning to make it simpler for students and parents/carers to understand the school’s expectations and easier for students to access work.

Students have been provided with the following:

- **Distance Learning Overview Booklet** – this booklet outlines what students are expected to complete in each subject each week and a suggested timetable for students to follow.

- **Distance Learning Learn and Quiz Booklet** – these resources will support students who don’t have access to the internet to complete tasks directed in the Distance Learning Overview Booklets and will contain quizzes for students to complete once they have engaged with the information.

What are the expectations for students?

**LEARN**

- Students should refer to the **Distance Learning Overview Booklets** to see what tasks they should be completing for each subject, each week.

- For students working **online**, they may be directed to an online platform (e.g. BBC Bitesize, Seneca, Hegarty maths) to support them with the completion of the tasks or for additional online activities.

- For students working **offline**, students should use the **Distance Learning Learn and Quiz** booklet to support them with the completion of the weekly tasks.

**QUIZ**

- You have only learnt something, if you can remember it. After students have finished their weekly activities for each subject, they should take the **quiz** to see how much they’ve remembered.
• For students working online, the links to the quizzes can be found in the Distance Learning Overview Booklet.
• For students working offline, there is printed versions of the weekly quizzes in the Distance Learning Learn and Quiz Booklet.

SUBMIT

• It is essential for students to submit their work each week so that their teacher can see how much they’ve engaged with the activities and how much they’ve learnt. Students should submit in the one of the following ways:
  ✓ Completing an online quiz on Microsoft Forms or one of the other online platforms
  ✓ Taking a photo of the quiz and sending it to their teacher
  ✓ Dropping completed work into the Ark Kings post-box in reception

Heads of Year, Student Support Managers, form tutors and teachers will all be checking on the level of student engagement with the Distance Learning work. Students should expect to be challenged if they are not completing any work at home.

Teachers will continue to e-mail students weekly to remind them of the work to be completed. We will also be uploading the booklets and supporting resources onto the school website for you to access. However, if you need any additional support interpreting the work or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with your child’s form tutor, Student Support Manager or Head of Year.

We’d like to re-iterate our appreciation for your hard work in supporting your child’s learning at home so far. Please continue to hold them to account for completing their work at home and do let the school know if we can be of any assistance in supporting you to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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