



Our Ref: SLA/DK

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are safe and well and that home learning is running as smoothly as possible – as a parent myself I know it is far from easy! In school, we are working hard to ensure we minimise the potential negative impact of our second lockdown and with your active support during this time, we are certain we will manage this even better. No one expects parent/carers to act as teachers, or to provide learning activities and feedback- that is our responsibility at school. This is a difficult time, and parents and carers can only do their best to support children in doing the work we set for them.

I have written a list of five things that you might try each week, if you have not already given them a go. We think these are some the best ways to support a child of secondary school age at our school.

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1. **ONE DOWNLOAD**

Download the ClassCharts app to your mobile- this is a free app. We are happy to help if you do not have a login. You can call school or email [ictsupport@holyfamilyschool.uk](mailto:ictsupport@holyfamilyschool.uk) and we will send you the details or post them out to you. We are also happy to talk you through this over the phone, if you think you need some help. The download is just once and not every week!

2. **ONE CHECK A WEEK**

Once you have downloaded the app you can look at what your child is doing at home, we recommend a minimum of **once a week**. You can also message their teachers and view how many rewards your child has achieved that week.

3. **ONE PIECE OF WORK A WEEK**

Encourage your child to hand in one piece of work a week for every subject. We reward submissions once a week on a Monday morning. We recommend you ask them whether they have done this **once a week**. Do not ask too much - it might become a point of conflict!

4. **ONE Praise conversation a week**

Ask your child to share with you the piece of work they enjoyed doing most in a week. Tell them how proud you are of them, how working alone is very difficult but how they are doing a great job. You might be surprised how your teen will respond to this - I know I was when I tried it.

5. **ONE Wonky Donkey**

Each week on a Friday, Mr Burrows (Holy Family's answer to Ant & Dec in one person) is making a round-up of the week hosted on YouTube. Why don't you watch this each week with your child and try to solve our Wonky Donkey problem? There is a prize each week for the winner!

Many thanks for taking the time to read this and should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's remote learning do not hesitate to contact me at school by calling in or emailing on [slayas@holyfamilyschool.uk](mailto:slayas@holyfamilyschool.uk) .

Yours sincerely

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