



St. Louis
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear parents/guardians KS3 pupils,

Thank you for all your help and support with home learning. The feedback to date from the recent online surveys indicates that arrangements are working well overall. We encourage you to continue to provide feedback at any stage by contacting the school in the usual way via e-mail info@stlouis.org.uk

We have learned many new things about distance learning over the past number of weeks and, perhaps, one of the most significant is the need for patience. We acknowledge that the circumstances in which pupils are trying to engage with on-line learning vary from family to family. By its nature, distance learning is slower and it's not easy to replicate the classroom experience but there will be time to cover the course content, seek explanations, complete work and receive feedback.

Whilst you would expect us to emphasise the importance of academic study to our students during this school closure period, it is also important to remember to try to get the balance right. It is of value for students in the Junior School to take part in a range of activities including exercise, creative activities and reading for pleasure. Our teaching staff, when setting work, are aware of the challenges of home schooling which include parents working from home and siblings having to share devices among others factors. Therefore, it is important to try and maintain a routine which suits your household which includes academic work as well as other activities to enrich the student's day. If there are any concerns or queries about the work, please contact the relevant teacher as soon as possible. Please continue to check our school website for regular updates and information on pastoral support and guidance with online learning.

I hope that everyone remains safe and those families which have key workers among them, stay safe and are well supported in their good work.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Martin,
Principal.



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