



Thamesview School
Guide to Home Learning
for Students & Parents

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Although professionals across the world are endeavouring to find safe ways to return students to the school setting it has become clear that a return to 'normal school life' is still a way off. This guide intends to help you adapt to this new way of learning **and will be updated as appropriate.**

Working from home presents different challenges to everyone depending on their particular circumstances. In the same way everyone will find their own way of working, everything in this guide is advice and you should feel free to adapt this to suit your family situation.

WHAT AND HOW MUCH SHOULD WE BE DOING?

All subjects are posting work on ClassCharts. Some work is set lesson by lesson, some weekly and others set longer projects. If you have fallen behind, don't worry, start at the beginning. Don't be tempted to skip lessons as it is harder for your teachers to support you to fill gaps than to catch you up from a certain point. You may have already found your rhythm and if it is working for you then stick with that. However if you would like some support organising your time please find some suggestions below. Whichever you choose make sure you take breaks throughout the day especially if you are spending a lot of time in front of an electronic screen. You may find that you get ahead of yourself and you can take that time to do something creative in the kitchen, go for a walk, play a board game with your family or just chill out. Please be aware that alternative hard copy Maths, English and Science packs are available if you do not have online access. Please contact the Main Office to request any of these packs.

Personal in School Timetable

Try sticking to the timetable you would usually be doing at school.

Create Your Own Timetable

Create a grid as seen below with the days of the week across the top and 5 sessions down the side. Then fill in your subjects the way you like to work. There are no times in the next 2 versions as learners will take more or less time depending on their personal circumstances.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1					
Session 2					
Session 3					

Use Suggested Timetable

Below is a suggested timetable that you can follow exactly or adapt it to suit you. For example if sessions 1 to 3 take more than an hour each you can do 4 sessions instead of 5 that day.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Session 1	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	MFL
Session 2	English	English	English	English	English
Session 3	Science	Science	Science	Science	Science
Session 4/5 KS3	Humanities	1 lesson from Creative Arts	1 lesson from Technology	PSHE	PE
Session 4/5 KS4	Option A	Option B	Option C	Option A/B/C loose ends	PSHE & PE

WHERE TO FIND SUPPORT

The Thamesview Team are working hard to provide effective home learning, run the in school provision for vulnerable/keyworker students as well as supporting the broader wellbeing of students and their families. If you do not get an immediate response, please be patient with us as we aim to reply to all correspondence within 2 working days.

From Monday 15th June all students will be receiving telephone calls from their Personal Tutor who can check that your message has reached the correct person. You can also contact the Main Office Mon to Fri 9am to 2.30pm 01474 566552.

Teaching Staff

For questions about a particular piece of work please contact the teacher identified on ClassCharts or Head of Subject. All teacher's emails can be found on the Thamesview School website under Contacts → Our Staff or by clicking on this link <https://www.thamesviewsch.co.uk/375/our-staff>

Welfare Staff

If you need any support that is not related to a particular subject then Head of Year and Welfare Teams are available via email. These can be found on the Thamesview School website under Contacts → Our Staff → Head of Year Team or Welfare and Personal Development Team or by clicking on this link <https://www.thamesviewsch.co.uk/375/our-staff>

Thamesview Website Home Learning Tab

On the Thamesview School website <https://www.thamesviewsch.co.uk> you will find a Home Learning Tab in the menu. Here you will find a number of things to help you with your home learning. These include:

- Help With My Home Learning Form – this form is an alternative to emailing staff directly. Once completed it will be sent to the relevant member of staff and they will contact you with a response to your query asap.
- Homework Calendar – this is a generic view of ClassChart tasks for all years/all classes.
- Yr10-11 Subject Home Learning Support Packs – These packs give an overview of the topics for Year 10 students moving into Year 11 in September. They are designed to help with revision of topics covered as well as give an idea of what is still to come.
- Quick Guides for ParentMail, ClassCharts and Office365 including emails and OneDrive.

Oak Academy and BBC Bitesize

These organisations have been working with the government to provide support for the work set by schools across the country. Some teachers may link resources from them on ClassCharts but you can also access it for support with specific topics you are finding challenging or for extension work on something you find interesting.

- Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/subjects/#subjects> Click on your Year Group → Click on the Subject → Either browse lessons or click on Topics dropdown in top right hand corner.
- BBC Bitesize KS3 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv> At the top of the page they display daily lessons for students that do not have guidance from their school however if you scroll down to All KS3 Subjects → Click on the subject → Either browse topics or enter a keyword into the topic search bar.
- BBC Bitesize GCSE - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3> At the top of the page they display daily lessons for students that do not have guidance from their school however if you scroll down to All GCSE Subjects → Click on the subject → Click on the exam board → Browse resources.

LOGIN DETAILS

To keep us all safe online the majority of the online resources we use require a username and password. For Office365 (including access to emails) this is the student email address and the same password with which they log onto the school laptops. Student email addresses are made up of their laptop login and the school suffix e.g. jbloggs123@thamesview.kent.sch.uk. If you need any details please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office Mon-Fri 9am-2.30pm in term time 01474 566552.

HANDING IN WORK

Your teachers are working hard to set work for you and are eager to see what you are doing. Some systems update the teachers automatically such as MathsWatch and Science Active Learning. However most activities either have the function to submit directly on ClassCharts or they can be emailed to your teacher as electronic copies or photographs. If this is not possible, an email to the teacher to update us on your progress would be great. In addition, from 15th June 2020, every student will be allocated a Personal Tutor who will be in regular phone contact and they can pass on your progress to the relevant staff.

REWARDS

Throughout the Lockdown teachers have been rewarding good work and excellent effort through our usual rewards system on ClassCharts. Although collection or rewards won't be possible until we return to school as 'normal' you are able to claim your prizes in the rewards store now. More details of how to do claim are in the Quick Guides to ClassCharts on the Thamesview website under Home Learning → Resource Quick Guides.

KEEPING UP TO DATE

As I am sure you are aware the majority of our communications go out electronically either via email or SMS. Therefore it is essential that we have your **correct contact details** on file. If you are unsure, please contact us to check and where necessary update these as soon as possible. Please download the **ParentMail App**. It is free and allows you to communications quickly particularly if you do not use your email account regularly. Surveys are often sent out using this method and your feedback is invaluable to us. We are also on **facebook and Twitter** where we share our student successes on a regular basis where GDPR consent has been given.

The school phones are manned Monday to Friday 9am to 2.30pm in term time 01474 566552 or you can email using the contacts on the Thamesview School website under Contacts → Our Staff or by clicking on this link <https://www.thamesviewsch.co.uk/375/our-staff>

FAQs

Thank you to everyone that completed the Parent Survey over Half Term. We have taken on board all feedback and we thank your input.

My child is struggling to complete the work set, what shall I do?

All students learn differently and at different paces especially outside of a classroom setting. We would suggest that they are doing a minimum of one set task/lesson for Maths, English and Science plus one other subject per day. However fully engaging in one lesson is more beneficial than all lessons done poorly. You know your child so please use your judgement.

How can I monitor what my child is doing?

Throughout Term 6 teachers have been awarding Positive Points on ClassCharts for good work. From 08-06-20 teachers will also be awarding 1 'On Task' Positive Point for every lesson submitted so you will be able to see what has been handed in on your ClassCharts Account.

How do I know what should be completed when?

From 08-06-20 Maths, English and Science tasks/lessons on ClassCharts will be set and due on the same day so you can see when they should be completed. Don't worry if you don't finish however as they will still be visible after the due date if you need to revisit them. Other subjects may have longer due dates so students can either follow their usual timetable or select subjects on the suggested timetable provided.

Can you provide virtual lessons/teacher videos?

We are not providing virtual lessons at this time however all staff are available via email to support/feedback within 2 working days. <https://www.thamesviewsch.co.uk/375/our-staff> You can also complete the Help with My Home Learning Form at <https://www.thamesviewsch.co.uk/801/help-with-my-home-learning-form>

Can you provide a timetable with times?

We are not providing this as we don't wish to put undue strain on students that learn at different rates. However, each session should run for 40 to 60mins. If you complete the work early you could explore the subject/topic on the Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize websites. If it takes you longer, you could reduce the amount of time spent on the non-core subject to compensate, should you wish.

Will I be getting more contact from Thamesview this Term?

We have been reviewing how we stay in contact with both parents and students over the last term and from 15th June 2020, every student will be allocated a Personal Tutor who will be in regular phone contact to support both the learning process and wellbeing of every student.

How do I hand work in?

See page 5.

I cannot access the links provided, what should I do?

Please let the teacher identified on ClassCharts or Head of Subject know that there is an issue and we will endeavour to fix it.

I can't see work that is on ClassCharts when the due date has passed, what shall I do?

All work posted is still there. Just change the date range at the top of the page to see work you wish to revisit.

Can I have paper copies of my Home Learning?

We have these available for Maths, English and Science. Please contact the Main Office on 01474 566552 Mon-Fri 9am-2.30pm to arrange collection/delivery.