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Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to the start of the Summer Term. I hope that during these unprecedented times that you are doing as well as can be expected.

With the start of the Summer Term we have launched our new online study hub that provides students with timetabled lessons to follow each day accompanied by a quiz which will allow teachers to see how well your child is learning.

The initial uptake of students has been excellent and by midday yesterday we had over 1000 students logged into Google Classrooms. For this I sincerely thank parents/carers for your support. The school did receive a number of enquiries from parents/carers yesterday who required further assistance and the school is working through these enquiries.

In order to help parents/carers further I would like to share some additional guidance. All work can be accessed via the Welling School Home Study website however before accessing this there are a number of steps that need to be followed first.

In order to access Google Classrooms and complete the accompanying quizzes students must be signed into their Welling School email address. If you haven't been able to log in successfully please follow these steps:

1. Ensure that your child has their Google email details. This will be their email address: firstname.secondname@stmail.wellingschool-tkat.org and a password. If you haven't got these or have lost them, please email google@wellingschool-tkat.org and we will email you new login details.
2. Go to the Study Hub: <https://sites.google.com/wellingschool-tkat.org/welling-homestudy> and they should sign up to each of their classes via Google Classrooms. Codes for classes can be found here <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aqOA8NN-s-mAvKQHb9wO8MQM97XMZ3i8dwKNks9opNE/edit#gid=0> tabs at the bottom allow you to select the year group.
3. Once they have joined all of their timetabled classes, they should then go back to the Study Hub and select their year group from the top right of the Page. <https://sites.google.com/wellingschool-tkat.org/welling-homestudy>
4. This will take them to their Year Group page where they can see their timetable and also their lessons for each day. Past sessions will remain on the site if a student needs to catch up on a missed session but they will not be able to see the lessons for the upcoming days as these appear live in the mornings.
5. Students must first go through the lesson slides. They will need to double-click to open or download these to be able to see them better. This will be very much like they would do at school: reading the slides and completing the activities on their exercise book.
6. Once they've finished the lesson, they need to do the Quiz that appears below each lesson slides. They just need to double-click to open the quiz and complete it. These will be monitored by teachers who will see whether students have completed them but also see their score, this is why it's important they go through the lesson slides before they click on the quizzes.

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Please also find attached to this letter a further guide that parents/carers are able to use.

The school has sent new work packs to students that do not have access to the internet. If you still need a work pack for your child please email enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org and one will be sent home.

I would also like to acknowledge the difficulties the school has been having accessing the Government Scheme for Free School Meal Vouchers. This is a national issue however I know this will be directly affecting families. Yesterday I agreed with the Trust that we would issue vouchers for this week using the same provider we were using before the break. This arrangement will continue until the School is able to access the Government Scheme where we will also be requesting vouchers for the two weeks of the Easter holiday. I do thank you for your patience with this matter and a new voucher code will be with you as soon as possible. A reminder that this will be sent to the main contact email address we have on the system. Again, if you have any issues with this please email enquiries@wellingschool-tkat.org. This email address is being monitored on a daily basis.

At these uncertain times I continue to offer the support and best wishes of Welling School. We are currently collating some Frequently Asked Questions and I will share these with you in the near future. The school remains open, working virtually to support you and your child.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Pett', written in a cursive style.

Mr R Pett
Headteacher