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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all safe and well. During this week, students have continued to adapt to new ways of working and have been completing the work set by staff. It is wonderful to hear about so many students engaging with competitions and challenges set by departments including; the Maths Challenge, 'Bedrock Brainiacs', our NHS inspired Art competition, Music's Radio 3 and our competition to produce a piece of original poetry.

The work for students to complete next week; week commencing Monday 11th May has been uploaded to our website: <https://www.stmca.org.uk/key-information/closure-guidance>. As per Government instruction, school has continued to remain closed this week for most pupils. Provision continues for a handful of children of key worker and vulnerable children#H

We hope you are to enjoy the Bank Holiday to celebrate VE Day, although school will be open for a small number of children of key workers.

As time goes on it is important that students keep a routine and continue to try to engage with their learning. If they or you have any concerns please contact their teacher or form tutor by email (contacts are on the website) or leave a message at the office. We expect students to be checking their school email account daily for messages from school staff including their class teachers.

Attached to this letter is a newsletter produced by Mrs Williams in order to support parents.

Staffordshire Police have sent through information regarding keeping ourselves safe online, particularly during this period where online activity is increased. Please click on the link for the advice from Staffordshire Police <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/online-fraud/cyber-crime-fraud/> and Cyberaware.gov.uk.

The Department for Education has consulted some of the country's leading educational experts and employers to make up a collection of high quality resources to suit a range of interests and skill levels. The Skills Toolkit is made up of free online courses, tools and resources to help you improve your digital and numeracy skills. There are courses that will give you [an introduction to getting confident online](#) to more [advanced digital skills](#) for use in the workplace. These are all short courses that can be completed at home, in your own time, at your own pace. 82% of all job vacancies require digital skills. Find out more about [why digital skills matter](#). If you're new to online learning or coming back to it after some time, see their [advice on getting the most out of online learning](#).





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In order to further support some of students and their families, we have delivered a number of food parcels, we will repeat this every Monday during the school closure. If this is something that would help your family please contact school.

I am aware that there is a lot of speculation and conjecture with regards to returning to school. Rest assured once we know the parameters we are working to, we will do everything we can to support staying safe and well-being. We are currently awaiting further guidance from government and DfE.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Rayner
Headteacher



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