



The Sutton Academy
Together Students Achieve

Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

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Dear Parent/Carer

First of all a big thank you from all the staff at the academy. Many of our staff are juggling live teaching as well as home schooling and so we appreciate how challenging it is; working and supporting your child with their learning. The support from home has been outstanding. Please continue to get in touch if you need any support in any way. This can be done through emailing us at contact@thesuttonacademy.org.uk or contacting staff directly through the Satchel One app.

You will have heard in the news that schools will only be opening from Monday 8 March at the earliest. We can see how hard parents, staff and students are working and it is a concern how much time is spent sat at a computer screen each day. With this in mind, one lesson a week will now be dedicated to wellbeing. No academic work will be set for this lesson and instead students will be encouraged to take part in an activity that does not involve a computer screen. This could be taking the dog for a walk, going for a bike ride with family, baking or reading a book.

Your child's form tutor will post a list of possible activities on Satchel One for that lesson and you can use it however you see fit. We would love to see photographs of what you get up to! Please either send these via social media, to the form tutor on the Satchel One app or to the email address above. The lesson will move each week and the academy will send details of the lesson out each Friday.

The wellbeing lesson for next week will be Period 5 on Tuesday (from 1.40pm).

We continue to improve and review how we set work for students. We have purchased an additional module to the existing Satchel One app and this will now show the students' timetable for the day, whilst making it easier to access the Zoom links securely. Mr Harker will be writing to you at the start of next week to explain how this works before we launch it. We are confident it will improve the functionality of accessing the lesson links for students.

I hope that you have a great weekend and as always, if there are any queries then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully



Mr P Willerton
Principal

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