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Re: Showmyhomework

Dear Parent / Carer,

St Mark's is introducing 'Showmyhomework' to improve the quality and consistency of homework and allow parents to monitor more closely what their children have been set. From **Monday 8 May 2017**, all homework will be posted by teachers on 'Showmyhomework', a website that can be accessed by both pupils and their parents or carers via the link on the school website, or at www.showmyhomework.co.uk. By logging in, pupils will have all their homework at a glance, while parents can track what has been set, how much time teachers expect pupils to spend on the task and the deadline for the homework.

Pupils and parents have their own logins, allowing them to view their individual calendar. **However, if your child forgets the login details, their homework can still be searched and viewed via the link on the school website, or by searching St Mark's West Essex Catholic School on the www.showmyhomework.co.uk homepage.**

'Showmyhomework' is already up and running as we have started a trial period. During this time, teachers will get used to posting homework onto the system, and pupils will be shown how to log in. The website can be accessed by a computer, tablet or mobile device. There is also a 'Showmyhomework' App that can be downloaded free of charge. Please see the attached presentation and information sheet with this letter.

If your child does not have internet access at home, they can use the computers in school to access the website. They can go to Learning Support, before and after school or during break and lunch, where staff have been trained in accessing 'Showmyhomework'. There are also computers in the Library, and our Librarian has also been trained to help the pupils.

There are many advantages to this system. Our goal is to engage pupils more fulsomely in homework, fostering independence by requiring them to access the tasks that have been set. By giving you a clear overview of your child's homework, we believe you will be better able to support them, whether by helping them with time management or by checking they have completed tasks. When absent, pupils will be able to access homework and catch up any missed work. Academic research highlights that increased parental involvement can have a big impact on exam performance.

Pupils will be issued with login letters with both their and your PINs. We would recommend you keep the PINs in a safe place as they can be used to reset login details. Over the next two weeks, pupils will be shown how to log in and set up a username and more user-friendly password. **We aim to launch officially from Monday 8 May.**

I have included some background information on 'Showmyhomework' with this letter, including details on how to log in. I will also run a parent drop-in session on **Wednesday 10 May from 5pm to 6pm.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at the school via mfl@st-marks.essex.sch.uk. You can also contact 'Showmyhomework' directly, using help@showmyhomework.co.uk or by calling 0203 397 7546.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Manzaroli', written in a cursive style.

Mr T Manzaroli
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