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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mr Martin Brown

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I hope you and your families are well and that your sons and/or daughters have adjusted to returning to their online learning programmes after the Easter period.

Feedback from students leads me to believe that online learning, for many, is working increasingly well. Students tell me that instructions and tasks are becoming clearer, I hope you feel this is the case. We are doing our best to share good practice and are pointing staff towards a growing number of great resources. Key amongst them has been the establishment of the Oak Academy, <https://www.thenational.academy/information-for-parents-pupils/>, an online school with hundreds of free lessons.

I am pleased to also share with you a link to FutureLearn schools, this provides an impressive range of enrichment tasks and opportunities and will be available, free, from May until September 2020. Please follow this link if you are interested, [FutureLearn Schools](#). It is a new initiative providing students aged 13 and above access to over a hundred short courses in order to support their learning and expand their horizons.

Finally, we have been provided with some information from the Sussex and Surrey police to share. The link below takes you to a letter that explains their strategy at this time and how they are intending to deal with young people who may be finding elements of isolation and social distancing difficult to manage. There is also information about reporting any concerns about safety, online.

<http://www.imberhome.co.uk/sites/default/files/Letter%20to%20parents%20%20carers%20from%20the%20police.pdf>

We are continuing to develop systems to aid communication. This involved holding our first video conference staff meeting on Thursday! It was an interesting experience with well over a 100 staff participating, lots of positive feedback afterwards reinforces how important it is that we stay in touch and keep communicating during this time. The same also applies to communication between the school and home, we are endeavouring to produce more interactive weekly assemblies for students. Links to my assembly were shared with students this week, it was challenging to video myself talking, remotely, in this way. I also hope to provide a weekly update to parents and of course welcome your feedback at all times.

Yours faithfully

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