



South Dartmoor Academy

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Dear South Dartmoor Community

I hope you are well and coping with the unprecedented times we find ourselves in. I am sure that within every household there will be a real mix of emotions due to our current situation.

For some this will be an extraordinary difficult time with regards people's health, safety, relationships, financial and job security. For others it will be a time of real bonding and shared experiences with families and neighbours. The only thing that I know for definite about our current situation is that we will be remembered for how we act and conduct ourselves in the days weeks and possibly months to come. The acts of kindness, support and sacrifice we each individually make will be remembered for our lifetimes and in history.

During these difficult times I feel it is really important that we consider or own physical and mental wellbeing. With this in mind I have commissioned two short videos that are available on the links below to support you with your mental wellbeing along with additional links to supporting documentation. I know how valuable I find my daily physical activity (I have contributed some pictures to the Connection). I hope you have taken up the opportunity to ensure you have stayed physically healthy.

[Student Video](#)

[Student Resources](#)

[Parent Video](#)

[Parents Resources](#)

I know that home learning has been a very different experience for all parties involved, students, teachers and parents. For many it has been a challenging experience and I can fully appreciate that our busy households are not always the most conducive to both learning and teaching. However, this is a situation that we find ourselves in and one that we need to continue to refine and develop. After listening to feedback from many of you, Miss Dixon will be in contact with how this is going to develop over the coming weeks.

Finally, I would like to finish by saying that from the first day that I arrived at South Dartmoor in September I was proud to be your Headteacher. The experience that we are living through and will continue to live through for some time to come has just increased that sense of pride. Seeing the professionalism of colleagues and the resilience of students and parents and carers has been a humbling experience and one which I will not forget in my teaching career. You have all made me very proud. If we continue to work together we will get through this and come out the other end even stronger.

Take care, stay safe

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