



Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope that this communication find you and your families safe and well. As we enter our second week of term I wanted to update you on where we are.

Firstly an enormous thank you to you all as you have adapted to this new way of working. The support and guidance that you are providing your children at this time is so important to enable them to continue to access their curriculum and create a sense of rhythm to their learning. We have listened carefully to your feedback and made some adjustments to the length of projects and types of tasks. Our expectations remain high whilst remembering that the most important thing is the health and wellbeing of everyone.

We have successfully moved the EDUCARE facility to Ashburton Primary school and the staff there have made us feel very welcome. We have a steady number of families which are requiring the service and we are grateful to them and all that they are doing in their jobs as key workers.

Teams of staff are busy calling students weekly to ensure that they are safe and well and staff are continuing to develop their technology skills to provide the students with engaging and meaningful learning. Tutors have been busy keeping in touch with their tutees and I am looking forward to the first house assemblies that are going to be broadcast this week. Don't worry if you miss an assembly they will all be available in TEAMS for the students to access when most convenient.

The final touches are being made to the paper resources for those students that are unable to access the internet or have limited hardware at home. Whilst the quickest and easiest way of accessing work is electronically we recognise that for a small number of students this is more challenging. For those students look out for your learning packages which will be delivered to you this week.

The FSM vouchers are all in place and details and access codes have been shared with those that require them. It is nationally recognised that the providers are finding the demand challenging however all the teething problems should now be ironed out. If you are continuing to have difficulty then please don't hesitate to get in contact. Either call on 01364 652230 or email [enquires@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:enquires@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk) and your email will be passed to the team dealing with this.

We currently have no information about when schools will be reopening and what that may look like. As ever we are working closely with our partner schools in the West Country Schools Trust and in turn the Department of Education and as soon as we have any information we will of course communicate that with you.

I hope that you found the wellbeing videos and resources enclosed in the last letter useful. At this challenging time taking the time to ensure that we are looking after our health and wellbeing is of the utmost importance.

Best wishes and stay safe.

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