

20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Now that we are officially at the beginning of the school Summer Term, I am writing to update you about the work your child can be doing at home whilst school continues to be closed.

Where possible, we would like you to encourage your child to follow a routine during the week, where they are completing some learning activities each day. I know that each of you is coping with a different set of circumstances and you are best placed to know how to make this learning routine work for you and your family within your home. We would also like students to be encouraged to take part in some physical activity every day, for example 'The Body Coach' daily workouts on YouTube, which can be found [here](#), where there is a live streaming of a PE workout at 9am every day.

If your child is in Years 7 - 10, your child's teachers will continue to upload new work to the school SharePoint site every Monday. To see how to access this work, click on this [link](#) to view a simple YouTube video. Some of the work may require students to upload completed tasks to their teachers. There is another simple video on how to do this, which you can find [here](#). We are currently working with our teaching staff to develop the most effective ways of providing feedback to our students on the work they are completing whilst at home.

If your child is in Year 11, I am sending you a separate email today, with some work attached that your child can complete in preparation for Year 12.

#### BBC Bitesize Daily and the Oak National Academy

You may be aware, from news reports over the weekend, that two new services have been launched today which provide online lessons. Your child's teachers will be making reference to which of these are most appropriate to your child, via SharePoint.

However, you may want your child to make full use of these services, and so the link for the BBC lessons is <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>. In addition, there are new educational programmes available from today on BBC iplayer and the red button service. The link for the Oak National Academy is <https://www.thenational.academy/>.

DfE Press Release: Supporting online learning

You may also be aware of an announcement the Department for Education made yesterday about improving access to online learning for some students. You can read the press release [here](#). We are still waiting for details about the scheme and will be in touch with you once we have these.

Keeping up to date

I will continue to write to you with further updates about work your child can be completing at home over the coming weeks. Whilst there has been much speculation in the press about when and how schools will reopen in the future, no decisions about how this will happen have been made by the government and no date for reopening has been set. We will, of course, let you know when we receive further information.

All letters sent home relating to the closure period are also available [here](#) on our school website.

In the meantime, if you do need to contact school, you can phone Monday to Friday between 9am and 12pm or email us at [office@limehurst.org.uk](mailto:office@limehurst.org.uk)

Thank you for your continued support and understanding, and for all that you are doing with helping your children with their learning at home.

Yours sincerely

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