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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

As lockdown continues, we are working together as a team to ensure that we are sending work home to each child and keeping in touch with each child via email. We have received some wonderful emails from families showing us pictures of some of the activities that the children have been doing such as baking, playing games, building Lego, going for walks and doing school work. These have been so lovely to see and staff are delighted with the correspondence. Please keep sending us updates.

Please remember that there is no pressure on you at all to ensure that your child completes every piece of work that is sent home. Simply use your own judgement. If you are struggling to get on line and download work please contact us. We can print hard copies at school and get them sent to you.

This week The Oak National Academy (<https://www.thenational.academy/>) and BBC Bitesize (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>) have created virtual online classrooms. which you can access for free. There are lots of lessons on there in all subjects.

If you have any questions about any of the activities please email your child's form tutor in the first instance. All general questions can be directed to theoffice@benshammanor.com
I have written a postcard to all of the children, just to let them know that we are thinking about them and we greatly miss them all.

This week Kirstie Byrne, our new Deputy Head, started at Bensham Manor. She has made a video introducing herself. It will be on the website from this weekend. Please may I ask that you get your child to watch this so that they can see who Kirstie is.

Examinations and work experience for Year 11 have been cancelled. The Year 10 residential which was also due to happen in June has also had to be cancelled.

I know that these are very difficult times for us all. Please contact us if you need any help or support. I wish I had all of the answers about when we can safely open again but I simply don't. What I do know however is that the most important thing is the safety of the whole Bensham Manor Community.

Please take care and stay safe and well.

Most sincerely,

Fiona Robinson
Headteacher



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