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Dear Parents

Thank you for your support in helping your children continue with their learning at home during this challenging time. We recognise that this is not an easy thing to do and that some days will be better than others. This is a learning curve for all of us and the most important thing is that everyone is staying safe and happy.

I am writing to let you know about a few things we are doing to support your child and suggest some more things that might help you at home.

Firstly your child's tutor will be contacting them by setting an optional assignment on Show My Homework every Thursday. The purpose of this is two-fold; we want all children to have a weekly check in with their tutor, therefore please ensure that your child responds to this assignment. In addition, the task that will be set is a non-academic activity to provide entertainment and distraction whilst they can't leave the house.

Secondly we have set up an email address <u>home@smithdonhigh.org.uk</u> for children to send us accounts of what they have been doing. This could be photographs, drawings or written accounts that we will put together in a newsletter on the school website to celebrate achievement. Please note that by sending us photos, you are giving us permission to share them on the school website.

Please ensure your child is aware that we will also continue to send out the school rewards postcards for them to collect so it is important to complete their work and keep us informed.

A list of useful websites for home learning and other interests will be posted on the school website and updated regularly, please keep checking these for ideas.

Work will not be set for students over the Easter holiday, but we will continue to put ideas on the website for things to help you keep your children entertained during this period. Work will be posted on Show My Homework towards the end of the holiday ready for 20 April. Students that cannot access the internet will be contacted at the end of the Easter holidays with information regarding collection of their next work pack.

Again, thank you for your support and well done for all you are doing.

We wish you a safe and happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

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