



Dear 6/5/4 Parents,

Despite our best efforts to keep our school open, we have now entered into a period of school closure. These are challenging times for all but we have been preparing for this scenario over the past weeks and whilst the school is physically closed, teachers and staff will continue to actively support and guide your child(ren)'s studies with your help.

The current IBS measures for home learning for 6ème, 5ème and 4ème classes are based on the use of Pronote with which you and your child are already familiar, we hope.

Teachers have been informed to upload ALL content and activities on Pronotes so that there is one central platform for all 6/5/4 students and parents. In addition, some teachers will be supplementing their online work with other platforms such as Google classroom, Skype etc. These will be handled directly by the teachers based on their individual subject matter and capabilities.

The online teaching will include activities that will allow students to engage with new learning as well as apply this learning through the use of exercises and activities. Additionally, there will be assessment tasks which will enable students to demonstrate understanding and allow teachers to check that learning is effectively taking place. Those will be marked and returned to students and marks entered on Pronote as usual.

It is important that students should follow a daily schedule closely modelled on their timetable and work in a quiet space.

Please check Pronote regularly or your email and help ensure that your child completes all tasks requested on a daily basis. If you or your child have lost your Pronote codes, you can contact Mr Gorini at agorini@ibsofprovence.com and he will provide them. He can also help you with any technical questions.

We would like to also stress the importance of physical activity for your children during this period. This will help not only their studies but also help them stay positive as it will not be easy for them to be separated from their friends for this period of time.

This is a great change for all concerned and we want to assure you that we will do our utmost to maintain a strong standard of teaching and learning whilst the state of emergency is maintained.

It is vital that you maintain contact with teaching staff if your child is experiencing difficulties or has subject specific questions. Teachers can be contacted directly via email and will respond rapidly and if you have questions of a more general nature, do not hesitate to contact me directly by email and I will call you back the same day.

If you would like an additional list of online resources and activities to supplement the work being given at school, please do not hesitate to contact me. There are many fun games and activities to keep your children busy, outside of virtual class time. These are trying times but IBS is a strong community and we will support each other during these challenging times. You can certainly count on all the staff and myself to be there to help in any way we can.

Kind regards

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