

Dear ISU families,

Our first day of e-learning took place yesterday. It was a day of sunshine, smiles and some excellent examples of e-learning on Seesaw and ManageBac. I was even able to "drop-in" on some lessons on Google Meets.

While Monday may have been a learning curve for many of us, everything went exceptionally well. Nonetheless, as a learning institution we have taken some "learnings" from yesterday; namely:

- ensuring clarity of instruction
- "less is more" in some cases

We will continue to monitoring, improve and evolve our e-learning practices over the coming weeks. While e-learning is a new adventure for ISU, we have to sustain our efforts and engagement over the next two and a half week weeks. Thank you or your support with this.

As you may be aware, Bavaria is declaring a state of emergency from tomorrow (Wednesday 18.03.2020). Please find attached a documenting listing what this entails and the measures in operation in Baden-Württemberg.

With the declaration of a state of emergency, ISU staff who **can** work from home, have been given the option of working from home. This will not impact on our e-learning provisions.

The campus will remain open over the next 3 weeks. The reception will be staffed on Monday-Thursday from 8:15-15:30 and on Fridays from 8:15-14:00.

Thank you all for your support and words of encouragement. It does mean a lot. The energy, dynamism of your children are missed at ISU. No one got into education to be doing it exclusively by e-learning.

Stay happy and healthy.

Kind regards,

Liam