



Westfield School

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Westfield Headline

Hello everybody. I hope you are still keeping safe and well. I am pleased to say that all of our staff are fit, able and raring to go when we are given the green light to reopen. I am sure you have heard, talk of reopening is beginning to happen and, as soon as we are given guidance on this, I will be in touch with our plans.

In the meantime, again, a big thank you for your efforts in supporting the children to access the learning set on Google Classroom.

As we have got more used to using this though, and with the feedback we have received from some parents, we would like make a few changes.

Firstly, the teachers are aware that most children are accessing the work in the mornings, not the afternoons. So, for this reason, we will be changing the time the teachers are online from 1pm to 10am. This should mean that they are available to interact and support the children at the time children are accessing it.

We have also received feedback about how time consuming and expensive it can be to print lots of work at home. The teachers are aware of this problem and are trying to set work that does not need printing. However, when they do set worksheets, please do not feel they need to be printed off. You can simply write the answers on a separate sheet and submit this or write the answers in a Google Doc and submit that if you don't have paper to hand.

Other feedback we've had involves how difficult it can be to support children completing their work if you have more than one child at the school. This is in part because the teachers all set different work and, for example, you might have one child writing instructions and one writing a letter. In an attempt to help with this, teachers are collaborating on English Planning from this week. This means that you will only have to support with one genre of writing at a time.

We are also considering how this could work for Maths although, with curriculum expectations, this is more difficult. If the current situation continues into next term though, we will make sure collaboration happens with this too.

Finally, the teachers have asked for feedback from you about how things are going and if there is anything else we can do to support you. There will be a Google Form about this appearing next week in the Google Classrooms. If you can take the time to fill this in we can again tweak our practice if necessary to make sure we are supporting you as best we can.

Westfield's Web Wizard

The thinkuknow website offers some great tips on online safety during this time.

There are home activity packs which include 15 minute activities parents can do with their children to support their online safety at a time when they will be using the internet more.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



Useful SEN online resources

- <https://www.autism.org.uk/spectrumlive>
- <https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/media-centre/news/2020-04-09-guidance-on-exercise-coronavirus>
- <https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/coronavirus/resources/tips>
- <https://amazesussex.org.uk/coronavirus-faqs-for-parent-carers-of-children-with-send-in-east-sussex>

Dates for your diary

4th—10th May—National Sun Awareness Week

8th May—VE Day

8th—10th May—VE 75 Celebration Weekend

13th May—National Numeracy Day

20th May—World Bee Day

23rd May—World Turtle Day

