



# Westfield School

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## Westfield Headline



Hi everyone. I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the family time.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the effort we have seen from so many children and parents in completing work set by the school. I do know how difficult it can be to get the children to focus on work while at home and we do really appreciate your support. On this, I would also like to say there is no pressure to complete all the work. We want it to be a valuable resource to you all in keeping the children occupied over this very strange time.

As I am sure you have all heard, schools have been asked to open over the Easter break too. This is to support Keyworker and vulnerable children. Because of this, many teachers and support staff will be working over the next two weeks. It is important though for everyone to have the holidays too so we will be working things a little differently this Easter.

I have asked teachers, if they are working over the Easter weeks to set work on Google Classroom for the children. This work does not need to be completed over the holidays! It can be completed when the holidays are finished. These teachers will then be taking a break during term time. This means they will not be required to be online for a week to mark the work sent in but they will be back to mark once their break is over.

I understand this might be confusing for the children (and staff) and we don't want to overwhelm anyone with the amount of work set, but with staggered holidays for staff, I can't see another way of working it. Please bear with us and complete as many of the tasks as you need. Teachers will let you know via Google Classroom which weeks they will be offline.

Finally, we are obviously not sure yet when we will be fully reopening, but we are all looking forward to it. I hope this will be May/June time but we will, of course, follow government guidance on this. In the meantime, we will send our newsletters and keep in touch as much as we can. If you need to contact us, phone on the usual number or email the office on the above address.

Look after yourselves and I look forward to seeing you all soon.



## PTA News & Events

In light of the current situation, the PTA have had to postpone the KS2 Disco which would have been on the 2nd April.

We will rearrange this for a date before the end of the school year, all being well.

Please keep an eye out for further details.

## Westfield's Web Wizard

We have been so pleased to see so many children engaging with Google Classroom. We have all really enjoyed keeping in touch with the children and it has been so lovely to see them positively interacting with each other. Whilst this is an invaluable resource, we thought we'd post some online safety "top tips".

- Remind children that despite being at home, the same level of behavior and conduct exists as if they were at school. Encourage them to remain polite and positive as their comments can be seen by everyone in the classroom.
- Encourage children to take regular screen breaks to do some exercise or get some fresh air where possible.
- Monitor children's screen activity and implement safety controls and privacy restrictions. You may find the below links helpful:



### Computers/Laptops:

<https://famisafe.wondershare.com/parental-control/windows-10-parental-controls.html>

**iPads:** <https://www.gottabemobile.com/how-to-set-up-ipad-parental-controls-and-content-filtering/>

Should you wish to access any further support for keeping your children safe online, the following links have been recommended by the Department for education.

- [https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIktuA5LWK2wIVRYXVCh2afq2aEAAYASAAEgIJ5vD\\_BwE](https://www.internetmatters.org/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIktuA5LWK2wIVRYXVCh2afq2aEAAYASAAEgIJ5vD_BwE)
- <https://parentinfo.org/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>
- <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

If you have any questions or trouble logging in to any of the remote learning resources, please do email the office who will be able to answer your questions.



## Useful SEN online resources

- <https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/coronavirus/resources/helpful-resources.aspx>
- <https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>



# Free Daily Resources For Children



## **PE with Joe Wicks On YouTube**

Week days at 9am but you can visit any time on youtube to view the workout.

## **Wildlife With with Steve Backshall On Facebook**

Every day at 9:30am for answering all your wildlife, biology, conservation, geography and exploration questions.



## **Science with Maddie Moate on YouTube**

Weekdays 11am. Maddie & Greg chat about science and nature!

## **Dance with Oti Mabuse On Facebook**

Every day at 11.30am but children can view the class at any time.



## **Maths With Carol Vorderman**

Free access to the her maths website:  
[www.themathsfactor.com](http://www.themathsfactor.com)

## **Music with Myleene Klass on YouTube**

Twice a week. Next one Friday 27 March 10am, but can view any time.



## **Storytime With David Walliams**

Free story everyday at 11am on his website:  
[www.worldofdavidwalliams.com](http://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com)