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West End's Remote Learning Provision

We are incredibly sad that you are unable to be in school with us due to the class / school closure. Teachers and teaching assistants have been working hard to make sure you can access your learning remotely at home using Seesaw, Google Classrooms and LBQ. They will also phone you on a regular basis to see how you are, offer support and provide you with feedback about your learning. If you ever need additional support, whether it's financial, health related or linked to behaviour, please get in touch with us as soon as possible using the usual channels and the relevant person will get in touch to help. Use the information at the top of this letter to get in contact or email learningmentors@westend.lancs.sch.uk.

How will I access remote learning?

During the closure, we will provide you with a variety of online lessons and other learning activities through Google Classrooms.

- Reception's activities will be set on Seesaw and we have sent instructions for this to our Reception parents.
- LBQ will also be used for Maths, English and Spelling in KS2.

How can I access remote learning if my child doesn't have a device or internet access?

If you are struggling with devices, please call or email (y5@westend.lancs.sch.uk) me. I will prioritise the devices we have available in school so you can access remote learning. Please also get in contact if you are struggling with internet access. We can provide wireless routers, BT WiFi codes, and also support you to increase your mobile phone data allowance.

How will my child be taught remotely?

Through Google Classrooms, teachers will upload lessons daily.

- In KS1: A variety of work will be set, some that can be completed online and some where we will ask parents to send in photos of their children for evidence.





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- In KS2: The majority of these lessons your children will be able to complete their work entirely online, and only on occasion will you be asked to take photos of your child's work completed on pen and paper.

All children will be provided with a learning pack to take home which will contain: an exercise book, stationery (pencil, rubber, sharpener, colours etc). They also have all of their passwords stuck on the inside of their reading records. English, Maths and Topic lessons will be available every day. For children in Reception and KS1, additional phonics sessions will also be uploaded which closely match the sounds they would be learning in school at this time. For each subject, your child's teacher will plan a sequence of lessons around a topic or unit. It is important that your child completes the lessons in the correct order, so if you miss a lesson due to a valid reason like illness, please pick-up from the last completed lesson.

Teachers will use a range of approaches with materials taken from a range of sources including BBC, White Rose, Twinkl and others. Most of the lessons will use high-quality recorded teaching videos, and some sessions will be recorded by the class teacher to reflect the work set. For example, KS2 teachers may record themselves talking through some LBQ questions for Maths or English.

Will they get the same curriculum at home through remote learning?

We teach the same curriculum remotely as we do in school wherever possible. However, we have needed to make some adaptations in some subjects. For example, teaching electricity in Y4 isn't possible at home because the equipment needed for the practical investigations wouldn't be available at home. Therefore, some topics may need to be moved, but the curriculum content will be appropriate for your child's year and match the key learning we would normally teach.

How can I access feedback and support for my child's learning?

Your child's class teacher and teaching assistant will monitor submitted work throughout the school day and provide appropriate feedback. Depending on the task, the feedback may be thumbs up or short comment, include annotations and longer comments or a voice recording. Please make sure you check your work for errors, such as capital letters, common spelling mistakes, sentence structure, calculations are correct etc., before submitting.





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Teachers and teaching assistants will also check levels of engagement daily. If we have concerns, the class teacher may send you a message on Parent App, or you will receive a call from Mrs Barr or Mrs Kitson. If concerns continue, we may visit your home daily to speak to parents and children.

What additional support will be on offer?

We recognise that some children, for example those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), may not be able to access remote education without support from adults at home. Teachers will contact parents to discuss the best ways in which we can support you and your child to ensure they are successful. Depending on the level of needs, we may invite your child to attend school or set work from a year group which closely matches their next steps in learning. We will also sign-post families to external support through Facebook, newsletters and texts.

If families are struggling in any way, contact the school office or your class teacher and we will support you in any way we can. Support available includes financial (food, utility bills, household appliances, uniform etc), emotional and mental wellbeing or learning support.

How do I structure the day?

The government have asked schools to provide a minimum, on average, of three hours a day for younger children in Reception and KS1, and four hours for KS2.

We understand that many parents will be working from home and juggling work pressures, child care and remote learning. All work on Google Classrooms will be added in a morning at 9am, so it is up to you and your child as to when you complete them in the day. In KS2 it is slightly different, as work set on LBQ has to be scheduled, and can only be accessed at certain times in the morning. All teachers will send out a daily timetable explaining how that day will run, and in KS2, when the tasks will be on LBQ.

Please remember that younger children struggle to concentrate so make sure you break the lessons / activities up and have lots of breaks. Please always prioritise reading, English (including phonics in Reception and KS1) and Maths as well as time to exercise and have fun as a family!





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Will there be opportunities for children at home to interact with their friends?

We will use online platforms like Zoom, to organise weekly golden-time assemblies with invitations sent to parents in advance. As staff and families become more familiar with online technologies available, we will organise other opportunities and activities. The aim is to ensure that all children feel connected, less isolated and part of their class community.

The usual behaviour expectations are expected when using platforms such as Zoom, and children will be removed without hesitation if they are not following these.

Best of luck with your home learning, take care and stay safe. Please remember to contact us if you need any help or support. We look forward to seeing you all very soon, back at school.

Miss Taylor and the West End Team

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