

To our dear Westwood Family,

We hope you are very well and have had the best Easter holiday possible? We are still missing you so very much; yet we know you have been busy, having quality family time, resting and recharging and staying safe too! Tomorrow, we would have been back together at Westwood after the Easter break. We know that it is uncertain at the moment when we will be back, but we want you to know, that we all think of you a lot and are counting the days until we are all back together as a family. Tomorrow, we would also have been saying hello to our new early Entitlement children too. If you are one of our children who were due to start with us tomorrow, please don't worry! Mrs Quirk and Mrs Williams will be in touch very soon when we have a response from the Early Entitlement Team with important information and next steps. If you are currently part of our Early Entitlement family, Mrs Quirk will be in touch via Seesaw.

Over the Easter break we have continued to receive our Westwood families' support, via emails and have been amazed by the positivity and strength you are all showing during this difficult time! We have enjoyed connecting with you on Twitter and Instagram too - the tags, pictures, videos and messages on our social media platforms have been a fab way to connect and are amazed at what you have been doing at home! Thank you all for connecting this way- it really makes us feel closer and still very much in touch! We want you to keep them coming- I know Mrs Williams especially likes to give you a shout out during her weekly Vlogs!!

So, what is happening next for our Westwood Family?

Although we are not at Westwood, the staff are still very busy planning and preparing for our learning and for our return in the near future. We would like to let you know that we have had some great news about grants for our outdoor learning provision. Over the Easter break, we have been awarded £16,000 in grants to develop the Outdoors and the learning opportunities for our children. This along with the anonymous donation of £5000 for the Daily Mile, this takes our Outdoor development pot up to £21,000- we are really hoping that this work will be permitted soon so it can be ready for you when you come back home. We are really excited, and we hope you are too?

On Monday 27th April, your teachers be sharing another 6 weeks of learning for you to engage with. There will be new learning grids available, with non-online activities and your online learning too. Check out your emails from Monday 27th April and they will be posted on your class pages on the website too!

Your teachers will also be communicating other exciting resources and opportunities for you to connect with and share work with each other, via Seesaw - please look out for this extra communication from your class teachers! We have also posted some extra resources for you from Classroom Secrets and other activities you may wish to look at whilst you are learning at home. These are on the website under the 'Extra links and resources' tab. Remember, if you need support with online learning or there are barriers to this format, please let us know via an email to the office. We want you to have a happy time with your families, and not feel under pressure! We are here to support you!

As you know, some of the teachers are working at the Hub from 8am to 5.30pm. If your teacher is at the Hub, they will answer any queries and emails the next day. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If the query is urgent, we can support you through the office. Mrs Matthews and Mrs Thomas are also just an email away. If you need family advice or specialist support, you can contact them both through the office.

So, our Westwood Family, please stay in touch, keep connecting on your various online platforms, stay positive and stay strong.

Most importantly- stay safe- we miss you all very much and we will be back together before you know it. We are here if you need us - please do not forget that!

Mrs Williams & all of our team Westwood