

To our Dear Westwood Family,

We hope you are all well and staying safe!

I want to start by expressing my thanks and gratitude for your support and the messages we have received from parents during this period of lockdown. **We appreciate all of what is being asked of you.** As you know from the announcement last week, we will be reviewing the lockdown situation on the Welsh Government review date Friday 29th January, and unless there are improvements to the infection rates, home learning may continue until February half term. **Please note: if your child was due to start Early Entitlement this term, this is now delayed until the Welsh Government review date of Friday 29th January, and further details will be sent to you when the situation becomes clearer. We thank you for your patience at this time.**

Online learning, Curriculum Offer and Wellbeing.

During this period of online learning we want to provide you with all possible assistance to ensure your child and yourselves are fully supported in all areas. Your class teachers have been very proactive in providing the curriculum for your child's home learning, communicating with your child and yourselves regularly, and ensure that curriculum has parity with any critical key worker provision at school. We also hope that the communication on Zoom for your child is a step forward in keeping them connected.

We appreciate too that juggling home learning with other commitments can be difficult. Please rest assured that we are very appreciative of the support you give your child as their continued curriculum recovery is important, we also appreciate the wider experience of the home environment are beneficial too. It is important to try to remain positive and look after yourselves. We have been in communication with many of our Westwood Family and ensuring they are looking after themselves and offer the support we are able to during the lockdown. Please do not feel under pressure! We want you and your child to engage but to keep a check on your wellbeing too. Below is a link to a brief questionnaire to complete regarding home learning and we would appreciate your feedback on this to ensure we continue to support you and your child in the best possible way!

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Ug4_TzS3ZEGUCRtgHRR5k7UqIABD4ChBI9gUmLtN4thUQUxOQk9OREJHNVNVRUEXr0dKRkgYNEyzNS4u

Communications and Assemblies

As you will know, your child is being invited to weekly Zoom sessions with their Bubble / Class Teacher. It was amazing to see so many join-in with the sessions last week. I know the teachers and staff really enjoyed connecting with their children; it has given us all a real boost and I hope your child too. You will be receiving a Zoom link to join in so keep an eye on the emails/Seesaw messages sent out. Seesaw is another way that work is shared and staff can communicate with your child with their work for feedback, sharing work, ideas and keeping in touch too! Our Class Teachers are also emailing you weekly with a check in for the week. If you need any support from your child's class teacher, please contact the office via email please.

We are also video streaming a weekly assembly for the children, starting tomorrow, and this will be available on Instagram on **ww_buckley**; please give us a 'follow' on Instagram!! If you want us to give your child a shout out or mention, please forward these to the office by Thursday each week, so they can be acknowledged during our weekly assembly. Keep posting on our Westwood page for Instagram and Twitter. By tagging us in what you do with your children, keeps us a bit closer and connected!

We will continue to keep in touch and communicate any updates to the current situation. Please check your emails. If you do need help, advice or support at this time, please do not hesitate to email our office, where we always do our best to assist you.

Stay safe our Westwood Family!

Best wishes,

Mrs Williams and Team Westwood 