

Tune in on Tuesday

Wheelwright Lane Primary School Newsletter

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Continuity of Learning

I can't begin to tell you how disappointed we are that we can not have all the children back in school and I know you echo our feelings. We have all worked so hard to settle the children in school and to catch up learning missed last year - we are determined to continue to build on this over the coming weeks.

However, we all recognise the need to follow Government guidance and stay home if at all possible - we are all concerned about the alarming rates of infection now creeping into our region.

The school is open for critical keyworkers and vulnerable children and staff will continue to provide care and support - **this is not a return to normal schooling.**

Places are very limited and to keep all children and staff safe we expect that children will be in school when adults are on their shifts at work and for the majority of our children this will not be for 5 days a week. **Myself and Mrs Harris will be contacting all keyworker and vulnerable children by Friday to confirm days needed in school.**

We will now move to our on-line learning platform TEAMS and Tapestry (EYFS). Many of you and your children are very familiar with the format of TEAMS/Tapestry and I want to outline our timetable and activities for classes as follows:

EYFS, including Reception and Nursery, will be uploading daily recordings of lessons taught in school. Your children will be able to access these through Tapestry. Staff will be uploading ideas for activities that are accessible at home. Reception children have whiteboards and books to record their work in. See Tapestry Memos for daily updates.

All other year groups will be using TEAMS for daily live teaching and catch-up with Teachers and Teaching Assistants. We know that for families with children in different year groups this may pose a problem so staff will record these sessions for your child to view later in the day - I want to reassure you that they won't miss out. Assignments will also be uploaded for the children to complete.

NOTE: We are unable to drop off paper copies for your children to use - we have sent home Hybrid Learning workbooks for children to complete work in - please use these.

If you are struggling to access TEAMS please contact Mrs Frith at school - she is an expert at supporting and knows a great deal about the different devices that the children use.

Staff have also planned for extra lessons in small booster groups and your child will be invited into one or some of these groups for a more intensive learning session tailored to their individual needs. Staff will keep in constant contact with you to let you know what is happening in your child's class and when

these lessons will take place (outside the daily live whole class sessions).

Live learning lessons times are as follows:

Years 1 and 2: 9.15 and 11.00

Years 3 and 4: 9.30 and 11.30

Years 5 and 6: 10.00 and 1.15

Staff will be available during normal school times 9 - 3.15. At all other times they will be expected to plan and mark children's work. If you need to contact staff then please use the admin2021@welearn365.com email or through TEAMS up to 3.15.

Government Laptop scheme - we have been given a handful of devices. We have strict instructions regarding the allocation of these devices. Please contact the school if you have difficulty in accessing any device in your home - we may be able to support.

Please also look at the Blended Learning website - there are recommended websites for you to use to extend and enhance your child's learning:

<https://sites.google.com/welearn365.com/wcc/blendedlearning/home>

We will start our remote learning week commencing 11th January. For the rest of this week staff will be using TEAMS to begin teaching and to catch up with the children to see how everyone is feeling etc. They will also go over the codes of conduct for remote learning and I have attached a sheet for you to keep at home.

Assignments have also been set as children are not in school and staff will be uploading these daily.

I will continue to keep you updated with any new items or guidance received in school but as you have probably worked out - I get the news when you do via the media.

I know that juggling your own work and supporting your children on TEAMS can be very challenging and I don't want to put more pressure on you - you have been doing a great job since last March. Please stay in contact with your child's class teacher and discuss any issues/concerns you may have. Mrs Harris and myself are in school and available if you need to contact us.

In order to keep my staff safe and reduce anxieties please make sure that you wear a mask on site.

Stay safe and well. We are here to help.

Winter Closures

As you know, we endeavour to stay open whenever possible in the case of bad weather. If for any reason we do need to close we will:

- contact you by text (we can operate this system from home)
- update the website with a news flash (check www.wheelwrightlane.warwickshire.sch.uk)
- update Warwickshire Central Website (check www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures)
- alert local radio stations

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details!