



WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



16th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to update you with regards to the Coronavirus along with the latest guidance received.

Who should stay at home

Children & Staff should stay at home if they are unwell with either or both of the following symptoms

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature

The latest guidance also states that if a child becomes unwell on site with either or both of the above symptoms they should be sent home.

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

If your child is off school please report on study bugs (see instructions at the end of the letter) or phone the school office as normal to report the absence.

We have had a few parents contact us who feel they should keep the whole family off if one or more siblings are displaying either or both of these symptoms. Current Public Health guidance says this is not necessary, however, we completely understand this.

Home learning for those who are well

If your child is at home isolating but is not poorly we suggest you should continue their learning at home. This could involve practicing skills already learnt, for example reading, spelling and timetables. Use the fact that they are learning at home to try different things such as cookery and life skills. They could do some household jobs, thinking about the steps they took to do it, and write instructions for an alien on how to use the equipment eg: Hoovering, washing up etc. Home help and learning in one!

The following websites will also be useful - you can find these also on our school website under the pupils tab, and useful websites. The children all have their own individual logins in their homework diaries, please ask them to show you.

Abacus and Bug Club - <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?scode=9aaa&c=0>

TT Rock stars - <https://trockstars.com/>

There are also free websites below that you may find useful. We are not responsible for the content of these websites so as a parent please check any sites before your children use them.

Museum Tours

There are lots of free virtual museum tours that you can take .

A list of all the free educational websites currently available

<http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/> this is an amazing resource that lists everything you could ever need!

BBC Bitesize

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

ICT Games

www.ictgames.co.uk Games for maths and literacy

Blockly

<https://blockly.games> Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

Scratch

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/> Creative computer programming

National Geographic Kids

www.natgeokids.com/uk/ Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Cbeebies Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio> Listening activities for the younger ones.

Nature Detectives

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/nature-detectives/> If you have a garden this may help to mix the learning up!

Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

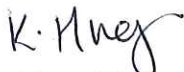
Hit the button

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> Maths

We are currently reviewing school procedures and have therefore decided to cancel any external trips for the remainder of this term including swimming. We have also cancelled all assemblies including our Easter Assembly.

We thank you for your assistance in these unsettled times.

Kind regards



Mrs Karyn Hing
Head Teacher

Study Bugs—New System To Report Absence

Studybugs - report absence securely and help improve children's health

We're pleased to announce that Westfield Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

[Get the app or register now](https://studybugs.com/about/parents) (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's linked to our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations **[improve children's health](https://studybugs.com/about/schools)**.
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