

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break.

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the chance to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time, so it's understandable if you and your child feel anxious and frustrated at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together.

We find ourselves in difficult times where our Westleigh family cannot function as it usually would to offer support to our students, staff and families as we face challenges, hardship and bereavement. Please do be reassured however that we are still here and if you need support in helping your child do not hesitate to get in touch and/or by all means use one of the many online resources available:

- **Winstons Wish** – Guidance on supporting bereaved children
<https://www.winstonswish.org> Freephone helpline 08088020021
- **Hope Again** – Guidance on supporting bereaved children
www.hopeagain.org.uk Freephone helpline 0808 808 1677
- **Grief Encounter** – helping children through bereavement
www.griefencounter.org.uk Phone: 0208371 8455
- **Childline** – a confidential service for children to talk about anything
www.childline.org.uk Free 24 hour helpline 08001111
- **Kooth** – free, safe and anonymous online support for young people
www.kooth.com

In addition, if you have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from the school, please let us know. If your child has any issues at all, you can send a message through the contact us section of the website or by ringing the school number (01942 202580) between the hours of 8am -3pm on a school day so we can help.

We miss having the students in school, but we must continue to follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, it's necessary to carry on with learning remotely and will keep our website updated as much as possible. At the moment, we have uploaded 100s of smaller activities for your children to do, each worth 10, 20 or 30 points. The idea is for children to select activities of their choice and aim to complete at least 100 points every day – don't break the learning chain. We are also reviewing our online learning provision regularly and will keep you updated.

Our teachers will be setting plenty of tasks for students to get stuck into over the summer term. We also appreciate the difficulty of working remotely so please remind your child to take breaks away from screens as well, and also make time for having fun and connecting with friends and family. Everybody's routines are different, but it is important to establish a time for learning and a time for leisure.

While we can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep students learning and the school connected.

Warm regards,

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Headteacher