



Westlands Primary School Newsletter



11th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to School!

The children have been back for over a week now and they have really surprised us at how well they have all settled and have not been phased by our new normal.

We welcomed our new year R intake into school and next week we look forward to them staying with us for lunch.

As you are aware, we have had to close our year 1 bubble. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support with this and send our best wishes to the child and family for a quick and speedy recovery.

Stay Safe
Westlands Primary School





We Started School this week.



This week Amber, Emerald and Ruby class have welcomed their children to start their first week at school.

The children have enjoyed exploring their new environments, their classrooms and the garden, especially the chicken pen!

They have enjoyed learning about each other and making new friends.

We are looking forward to the children staying for lunch next week.

Remember their collection time will be 12:30pm from Monday 14th - Friday 18th September.





Year 1
Bubble
Closure

We would like to reassure parents of pupils within the school that Westlands Primary continues to rigorously administer all of the guidance regarding hygiene measures in order to minimise the possibility of any transmission occurring during the school day. We do expect children to be in school if they are well and they will continue to work in their year group bubbles.

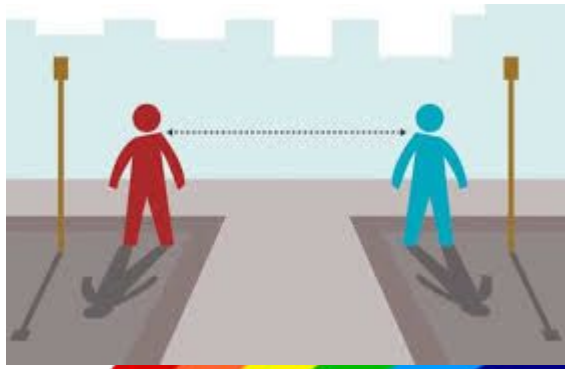
We will be providing online learning via Google Classroom for any year group bubble that we have to close. Parents of children in bubbles that have closed, who do not have internet access, please contact the school office and we will liaise with you as to best provide support for your child. For adhoc cases of self isolation we will work with individual families to provide learning opportunities.



Social Media

The school has quite clear procedures that it follows at all times but 'mis-information' from social media does not help situations and can cause additional levels of stress/upset for our parents. It is unfair on the school and its community if inaccurate information and gossip is spread amongst the local area with the posting of messages that whip up anxiety. The accurate messages are clearly given in the letters sent out and the phonecalls from the school staff and this is what should be believed. We would ask for your support in ensuring that only accurate information is shared and that you sign post other parents to weduc or the school office.

Thank you for your support with this.



Social Distancing



Please can we ask that you all continue to maintain social distancing on the playgrounds and only come to the school site if it is absolutely necessary.

Only one parent should be with children when dropping off and picking up and we ask that siblings from other schools stay off of site unless they are your only source of collection.

The school has teachers on the doors at the start of the day and end of the day monitoring this and members of the senior leadership team also walk the playground every morning. We do have a very large site and it may be that you don't see us as you could be dropping off whilst we are on another playground. Please rest assured, staff are monitoring social distancing and ensuring that people are following guidance. We may ask you to stand further apart from people, and it is to ensure we are keeping staff, children and parents safe.



Covid-19

Updated advice from public health on known contacts of positive covid cases:

If you or your child is made aware that you have been in contact with a positive case of coronavirus (either from NHS track and trace or through communication from the positive case) you or your child **MUST** self isolate for 14 days. You do **NOT** need to get a test unless you develop symptoms. The rest of the members of your household (those who didn't come into contact with the positive case) do **NOT** need to self isolate unless you develop symptoms yourself. We have shared a 'What if' guide with parents that you can refer to if you are unsure about what to do.

I hope this provides some clarification as we have been made aware that sometimes NHS11 are offering different advice. Schools and their communities must follow public health guidance. For further information please read the NHS test and trace guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works#part-2-people-who-have-had-close-contact-with-someone-who-has-coronavirus>



Reminder of PE Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Diamond Pearl Opal Jade	Titanium Platinum Palladium	Sunstone Tourmaline Amethyst	Argent Quartz Onyx	Moonstone Crystal Coral Garnet Sapphire Topaz

Please be reminded that children can come to school in their PE kits on their PE day. Tracksuits are part of the PE kit and they can wear one if they wish.



**Reminder of
Swimming
For term 1**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Tourmaline Amethyst Sunstone Onyx	Palladium Platinum	Moonstone Diamond Pearl	



**Reminder of
Entry and Exit
points**

Please be reminded that the pedestrian gate on Homewood Avenue is Entry only. This gate will be staffed next week to ensure nobody uses it as an Exit.

Entry to site	Exit to site
Main pedestrian gate on Homewood Avenue, this is Entry only, you need to exit via another gate.	Gate at the bottom of the school field on Homewood Avenue
Gate at Ashdown house on Barrow Grove (there will be separate entry and exit paths)	Gate at the top of the school car park on Homewood Avenue
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Gate on Borden Lane	Gate on Borden Lane



Breakfast Club & After School Club

You will need to book a space for these clubs in advance due to the way we are now operating this provision.

We do have a waiting list for both Breakfast Club and After School club, but we will take your name and details and as soon as a space is available we will contact you.

Contact us

You can contact us by:
Weduc - westlandsprimary
Tel - 01795 470862
Email - wpsoffice@swale.at



If you develop any covid-19 symptoms, please stay at home

Please refer to all of our guidance that has been shared about what to do if you develop symptoms, are in close contact with somebody with coronavirus or have recently been abroad.

