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*We aim to be the school of choice at the heart of our community.
Through living our Christian values, all children and adults at WCEJS have the opportunity to flourish as individuals.
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

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This has been a positive week with children now well into the swing of things. We are learning more about the ongoing needs of children due to lockdown and adapting our curriculum accordingly.

Social Distancing

We are continuing to educate children about the importance of social distancing whenever possible. Latest guidance is that when mixing with friends outside of their class, they need to be at least 1m apart (all of the time) and not within 2m of them for more than 15 minutes. This is to reduce the number of close contacts should we have a confirmed COVID case in school. As ever, please do all you can to reinforce this message.

Collecting Children

The new arrangements continue to work well. Please wear a mask to protect more vulnerable parents. The school office will have contacted you today if you are currently authorised to drive onto campus. The barrier will be back in operation very soon, preventing access to unauthorized traffic. All children must leave school using the footpath and the one way-system - not through the car park.

eSchools

All children have been given two exercise books that need to remain at home: one squared book for maths and a lined book for all other work. Children should record all work (homework and other) in these books. For maths, children should record their working out in the book, rather than printing sheets and recording answers only. Children should copy their weekly spellings into their other book and used their preferred strategy to learn them.

There is no requirement to submit work currently. A photograph of the work is sufficient if you would like to submit. Children are not expected to spend time reformatting worksheets and there should no longer be any requirement to print sheets. Documents are named to distinguish between homework and work for those isolated at home.

Health Monitoring Latest Guidance

The NHS has released further guidance about COVID-19 symptoms and testing (attached to email with the newsletter). We are aware that children may also experience fatigue, headache, fever, sore throat or loss of appetite.

Please continue to monitor your child's health closely. They should stay at home if they are clearly unwell. Email the school office if you need to share information about your child or family circumstances.

NHS COVID-19 APP

Guidance relating to this APP has been sent to you with this newsletter. Parents do not need to check-in if they visit school (early collection of a child for instance) and children do not need to install the APP (not advised for children below 16 years of age). The APP is designed to provide adults with useful information about the spread of the virus so that we can lower the infection rate.

Meeting Teachers

Under normal circumstances we would have an open door policy. However, to protect us all, please email the school office rather than approaching teachers on the gate. If you really need to, please remember to socially distance.

School Photographs

Individual school photographs will take place in school on Friday the 2nd October. Tempest Photography are now operating a contactless service. When the photographs are ready, Tempest will email or text parents with a link to view the photograph and instructions on how to order directly.

Mufti Day – Friday 9th of October

It's "Hello Yellow" on Friday 9th October – children can wear yellow and bring a £1 donation on the day. Please see attached flyer for the Young Minds Mental Health Mufti Day.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding / welfare concern or need additional support then please contact Mrs Bartlett: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk Further information is available on our website.

