



WBS - Working, Believing, Succeeding – A Wonderful Bridge to Success



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HEAD TEACHER *Mr M Ashton*

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will have heard on Monday, the Prime Minister announced in his speech that schools will be closing until the end of February at the earliest. This means that Warwick Bridge School will move all learning on to remote platforms for pupils to carry out their studies online and at home. The school will remain open for the children of Key Workers and those pupils who are considered vulnerable.

At Warwick Bridge School, we have made the decision to divide the pupils attending into two Bubbles. One Bubble contains pupils from the Early Years Class (Nursery and Reception) and Year 1/2 children, whilst the second Bubble consists of pupils in Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). These children can only come to school if they are the children of Key Workers or they are vulnerable.

As we have a number of children already attending Bubbles, school will need adequate notice of any further additions to our pupil numbers. Parents and carers are asked to let us know as soon as possible if you require a place for your child at school over the coming weeks. In most cases at least 24 hours should be given so that teachers have the time to prepare the class and work for individuals. And if you need to remove your child from the provision, let us know as soon as you can. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

We have continued to keep the school as it was before the end of the autumn term. There is signage around the school and the different Bubbles work in completely different classrooms without mixing. The playground is zoned for separate areas as well. If you have a child in school, please try to make them aware that while staff still care for them, safe distances need to be maintained, so no physical contact such as hand holding, sitting on knees while enjoying a story or comfort hugs will be allowed.

With the above in mind, we would really appreciate it if you would practise and talk about the following things at home together:

Reception & KS1 Children

Show your child/ren how to wash their hands properly – for 20 seconds – singing ‘Happy Birthday’ twice.
Show your child/ren how to catch their cough or sneeze in their elbow – like making an ‘elephant’s trunk’ is another way of thinking about it.

Send your child/ren with Velcro or slip on shoes – no shoelaces if they cannot tie them by themselves.
Dress your child/ren in elastic waist trousers or skirts - no buttons, zips or ties if your child cannot do them by themselves, or in tracksuit bottoms.

The same applies for girls wearing tights – only dress them in these if they can pull them up on their own with no help from an adult.

Please help your child to become more confident with zips and buttons on coats.

Practise and talk about keeping a safe distance from their friends. Try using a masking taped area at home and encourage your child to play in this specific area for a short while. Use a timer to make it more of a fun game.

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Practise opening and closing their own packed lunch box. Can it contain pre-opened packets for ease?

KS2 Children

Practise how to wash their hands as described above.

Practise and talk about keeping a safe distance from their friends. Please help your child/ren to understand how far apart 2m is.

Remote Learning

Children who are not in school will be required to carry out learning at home. Staff are using numerous ways for this to happen:

- We are using Class Dojo to send links for online resources
- Zoom sessions and assemblies will be organised
- Microsoft Teams can be used as a tool for whole class learning
- Emails and links to learning websites will be used
- BBC Bitesize materials and resources are available
- Oak Academy lessons will be sourced

BBC are also showing a whole host of educational programmes and clips at the site:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/genres/learning/primary/all>

BBC TV is to help children keep up with their studies during this lockdown by broadcasting lessons on BBC Two and CBBC, as well as online. The BBC will show curriculum-based programmes on TV from Monday. They will include three hours of primary school programming every weekday on CBBC, and at least two hours for secondary pupils on BBC Two.

Your child may access some or all of the above with guidance from the class teacher. All of the online learning will require access to good technology and a dependable WIFI link. If you are having problems with any of these, please let us know so that we can look for ways to help you access online learning. We can print out material for you to collect from school if you need to, but you must get in touch with us directly if your child/ren are going to struggle to access remote learning due to lack of technology or other issues.

Free School Meals

If your child/ren are in receipt of free school meals, the school can plan for you to collect your meals daily from school. If you are unable to get to school, we can find ways of delivering the meals to you. FSM children attending school will receive their meals every day. Children who receive FSM and are at home at this time may also be entitled to a government voucher scheme. Details of this are not yet available, but WBS will inform you as soon as possible when such a system becomes available.

Mr Ashton's Zoom Assemblies

EY and Key Stage 1

Mr Ashton will be hosting Zoom assemblies for EY and KS1 each Thursday at 9.30am. The first assembly will be on Thursday 7th January at 9.30am. To join the assembly, use the following joining details for each assembly.

Join Key Stage 1 Zoom Meeting – click or paste the link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78946126598?pwd=TEZ3UEVjUzE4a3NKMU00YzZCcWxDQT09>

Meeting ID: 789 4612 6598

Passcode: Warwick

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Key Stage 2

Mr Ashton will be hosting Zoom assemblies for Key Stage 2 each Tuesday at 9.30am. The first assembly will be on Tuesday 12th January at 9.30am. To join the assembly, use the following joining details for each assembly.

Join Zoom Meeting – click or paste the link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75162780694?pwd=a3QyOHlraXVUQTJlGWIJ2UUNNTXJ5UT09>

Meeting ID: 751 6278 0694

Passcode: Warwick

Staff and governors would like to thank all parents and carers for your support at this difficult time. The decision to close school to all but Key Worker and vulnerable children came late last Sunday – we thank you for your understanding at this time.

Please look out for school updates via email, text and Class Dojo. In the meantime, everyone at school hopes that you stay safe along with your family.

Yours sincerely

M Ashton
Head Teacher