

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the first week of the children learning from home, I thought I would update you on their learning activities and remind you of the support that is on offer to you. I hope that you are keeping well and staying safe at home.

### **Support and Contact**

If during this period you need anything from us, please contact me on [headteacher@wtwschool.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@wtwschool.co.uk) or call the school mobile on 07718 467026 which I will have with me in school and at home. You can also call the school office during school hours.

Your child's class teacher, or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, will attempt to call you and if possible speak to your child briefly each week where possible so that we can maintain communication and answer any questions you or they may have. The first call will be either at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

Please remember that Jen, our school Child and Educational Psychologist, is going to continue to be available on Fridays via telephone or Skype for the children and families she is currently working with or anyone else who is experiencing anxiety. If this support is something that you find you need, please contact me directly initially. Gardner, our drama therapist, is also happy to continue working in some way with the children he supports.

### **Home Learning**

Providing home learning across the range of subjects is somewhat challenging, but we are working hard to ensure that the children can maintain their key learning throughout this closure period. Later today or tomorrow, you will receive via email the first of the weekly home learning sets of tasks that will complement what was sent out in the packs. Early Years children will also be sent tasks that can be done at home. If you require any additional paper, pencils or other stationery, please contact the school office and we will arrange that for you.

A large amount of the learning will need to be carried out online so will therefore obviously need to be supervised by an adult at all times. We are not responsible for the content on external sites, but the sites we are recommending are all educational sites that are regularly used by schools. There are some links to YouTube which may have adverts.

### **Keeping Healthy: PE and Yoga**

During this time of 'social distancing', keeping fit and active will be challenging. Joe Wicks, the Body Coach, is providing a daily live PE lesson via YouTube for all ages of children that

would be a great way to start the day! We will also be offering a weekly online yoga lesson, exclusively for the children of Walnut Tree Walk, from our former yoga teacher, Kamlyn. To access this free session every Wednesday at 10:30am, go to the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/269625568>

To enter the Zoom session you simply need to click on the URL above or copy and paste it in to a new window. Please note, if you are using a phone you will have to download a free Zoom app. On entering the session, video and audio will be muted, but your child can enter their name and see who else is practicing at the same time. If you are unable to make the live session a recorded version will be available to practice at your own convenience. **As with all online learning throughout this period, an adult must supervise at all times and the parents/ carers are responsible for ensuring their child is safe online.**

### **Music and Drama**

For those of you who have a musical instrument at home on loan from the school, Daniel has prepared some more resources for the children to use at home. These will be emailed out later this week. London Bubble Theatre Company have also produced some fun drama games and activities that can be done in the home. Walnut Tree Walk children love to use their imagination so this could be a great resource. Either google 'London bubble speech bubble' or go to the following link:

<https://www.londonbubble.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Drama-games-pack.pdf>

### **Online Children's Newspaper**

First News, a newspaper for children, is available to all children by going to the following link:

[https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/Lores\\_718-1.pdf](https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/03/Lores_718-1.pdf)

or alternatively: <https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/free-downloadable-issue/>

An email will be sent to you later tonight or tomorrow with more detailed home learning tasks for this week, and then we will continue to do this each week.

We are all missing the children and families of Walnut Tree Walk and look forward to hearing about the learning the children have been doing at home.

Stay safe,

Andrew