



15 January 2021

## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the first half of the Spring half term. We are sorry that it has not been what we had expected or wanted. I hope you had a chance to relax and enjoy some family time together even under current circumstances over the Christmas holidays.

Since the Government guidance that schools must close to most pupils, we have been so impressed with how resilient our pupils have been and continue to be. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, parents and carers for their commitment to supporting our children with home learning. We know this is not always easy.

## FAITH IN OUR SCHOOL

### Our Vision

With God's help, our school provides children with a safe, inspiring and nurturing learning environment. A place where children and community can thrive, achieve and develop life-long skills. Rich learning experiences will ignite desire to learn, achieving success. By raising aspirations and instilling self-belief, children are enabled to lead a fulfilled life, contributing to the community and beyond.

Thankfulness



**Thankfulness** is the value children will be reflecting on in our collective worship this half term. Collective Worship will be live daily on teams Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.45am and Wednesday at 1pm. The Wednesday session has a focus on pupil wellbeing.

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## Covid update for children attending school

Our covid risk assessment is available on our school website – <https://westminsterschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Westminster-COVID19-Risk-Assessment-v9-11.01.21.pdf>

Part of our risk assessment for safe practice in school is to ensure we keep school well ventilated. This means that all staff have been asked to keep windows open whenever possible. Windows must be opened before the start of school, during lesson changes, breaks and at the end of the day. Windows will be open when possible during the day and staff and pupils must dress accordingly. Please can you ensure that your child is wearing a base layer such as a vest or long sleeved white T shirt under their school uniform.

Can parents please remember to wear face masks when on site and follow the one way systems – these are in place to keep you and our staff safe.

## Home Learning

As you know we have a dedicated page on our website for home learning.

There is a link to each year group on the website: <https://westminsterschool.co.uk/home-learning/>

There are some top tips for parents here too!

Within each year group folder, you will find a link for each week



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### Reception Home Learning

#### Spring One

- W/C 04.01.21
- W/C 11.01.21

When you click on the weekly link there are daily activities, timetables, links to pre-recorded lessons from your child's teacher and this daily plan covers the full curriculum.



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### Reception Home Learning W.C 11.01.2021

- Timetable

#### Monday

- Monday's live Maths lesson
- Listen to a story with Mrs Jarvis

#### Tuesday

- Tuesday's Maths with Mrs Platts
- Listen to Penguinaut story with Mrs Platts

#### Recent Posts

Dr Bike and JU MP

#### Upcoming Events

No upcoming events

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If your child is attending school and needs to isolate due to testing positive or being in contact with someone who has tested positive, then they are still required to complete school work. We have tried, to the best of our ability, to match the remote learning to the learning in the classroom.

Each child received a learning pack in the Autumn term which included an exercise book. Any work completed from the home learning on our website should be recorded in this book, or photographed and uploaded to Teams (children in KS2).

Currently, between 40% -50% of our children are accessing daily live lessons. We would like parents to help us to increase this number so that more children are accessing the live lessons with their teacher.

Don't forget the weekly wellbeing session with Mrs Pawson on a Wednesday at 1pm.

In EYFS and KS1 work packs will be delivered each week and the work from the previous week should be returned when the teachers visit your home.

Nursery – Wednesdays

Reception – Fridays

Year 1 - Thursdays

Year 2 – Mondays

In addition to the home learning timetable, resources and links, your child also has access to a range of other online resources such as Frog, Phonics Play, TT Rockstars, Reading Plus and Lexia and these can be accessed via our pupil links section of the website.

<https://westminsterschool.co.uk/pupil-links/>

Please subscribe to our school YouTube channel where some lessons will be posted (links on the school website)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC91QXf61Jdir6Bmh4MuOY\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC91QXf61Jdir6Bmh4MuOY_Q)

Please contact school if you have any questions or queries about home learning or you can email your child's class teacher on:

Your child's class [@westminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:spain@westminsterschool.co.uk)

e.g. [spain@westminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:spain@westminsterschool.co.uk)

If you would like to book a telephone appointment with SLT to discuss your child's home learning or ask any questions about home learning, please contact the school office.



## **Weekend Hunger**

Please find information about local food banks where you can get help if you do not have enough food.

<https://westminsterschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Bradford-Meal-Provision-Jan-2021.pdf>

Our FSM parcels are delivered on a Monday and include a variety of healthy options to make 5 lunches for your child that week.

We can provide additional help if you don't have enough food for weekends. Please contact Liz or Jade on the school number 01274 648490.

## **Wellbeing Support**

We have some mental health and wellbeing support for children and families via links on our coronavirus information page on our website - <https://youngminds.org.uk/> We will also regularly text parents with links to help and information.

We have created a [worries@westminsterschool.co.uk](mailto:worries@westminsterschool.co.uk) email address for pupils to let us know if they have any worries or concerns.

Bradford Council have provided a helpful booklet for families -

<https://westminsterschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Community-Action-Self-Care-Booklet-December-2020-1.pdf>

## **Communication**

We are using text messages, emails and phone calls to keep in touch with parents, carers and pupils during the national lockdown. It is really important that we have an up to date mobile number for you. Please contact the office on 01274 648490 to give us your number if it has changed. If you are not receiving our emails, please provide your email address to the school office. We are telephoning parents and carers at least weekly and the call may come from a withheld number.

Thank you for your ongoing support in these difficult times. Please stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Rumford  
**Associate Principal**