



February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. I hope you had a chance to relax and enjoy some family time together during the February holidays, even under current circumstances. We are looking forward to welcoming all children back into school on Monday 8th March.

Since the government guidance that schools must close to most pupils in January, 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 parents and carers for their commitment to supporting their children with remote education. 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.



Respect is the value children will be reflecting on in our collective worship this half term.

Covid update for all children attending school from Monday 8th March

All children are expected to return to school on Monday 8th March. If your child does not return to school then the normal absence procedures will be put in place, including monitoring poor attendance and the possibility of fines being issued by the Local Authority for non-attendance.

All safety measures in place last term will continue. One part of our risk assessment and safety measures in school is to ensure that we keep school well ventilated. This means that 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 should dress appropriately. 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.

Please can we remind all parents and carers to wear face masks when on the school site, keep 2m apart from other families and follow the one ways systems when collecting your child at the end of the day – these are in place to keep you and others safe.

Westminster C of E Primary Academy

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If your child needs to isolate

If your child needs to isolate due to household symptoms, testing positive or being in contact with someone who has tested positive, they are still required to complete school work, if they are well enough to do so.

If a bubble closes in school, further guidance will be sent out regarding live lessons.

In addition to the resources on the home learning page, your child also has access to a range of 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 also on the school website)

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 - e.g. spain@westminsterschool.co.uk

Remote Education

We are really impressed with the children's dedication to participating fully in the Remote Education provided during lockdown. Thank you to all parents and carers for their support

	No on roll	No on teams	Week 2 %	Week 3 %	Week 4 %	Week 5 %	Week 6 %
Nursery	36	29	38	33	34	33	28
Reception	59	51	60	82	78	79	82
Year 1	55	38	69	76	71	75	70
Year 2	78	65	67	65	76	90	90
Year 3	64	54	61	75	60	79	69
Year 4	82	74	68	63	73	76	81
Year 5	79	79	68	81	83	80	83
Year 6	90	79	75	90	95	92	94
Worship	543	469	12	11	11	11	12
PE	543	469			20	22	14

Thank you for the 81 responses that we have received from the parent survey about remote education. We had some lovely positive comments from parents and over 96% of the responses were positive about the lessons and activities that children have received at home. The winner of the gift voucher has been contacted.

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School Loan Laptops

If you have borrowed a school laptop during lockdown, please ensure it is returned with your child on Monday 8th March, along with the case and charger. Thank you.

Science Week

Our staff have been very busy planning lots of lovely activities for science week (Monday 1st March to Friday 5th March) and the resources that you need have been delivered to homes. We hope that you enjoy the activities and hopefully less time spent on screens! Please remember to return your child's completed science week passport when they come back to school on 8th March.

Parents' Evening Telephone Appointments

Teachers will make telephone calls to parents and carers during week beginning Monday 1st March to Friday 5th March. A separate letter has been sent to parents with further information. Please be aware that calls may come from a private number as teachers may be calling from different locations.

Yours faithfully

Lisa Rumford
Associate Principal

Calendar Dates – for the rest of the term

Monday 1st March – Friday 5th March – parents' evening phone calls

Monday 8th March – all children return to school

Friday 26th March – school closes for Easter holidays