



Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope that you and your families remain well and are adjusting to a completely different way of life for the time being.

It is now two weeks since we closed our doors to most of you- since then we have just been open to a small number of children of Key Workers who do not have another adult to care for them at home.

We hope that you have managed to access our Learning from Home materials via the new tab on our school website : -

https://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/learning_from_home/460299

You will find instructions here along with a daily timetable and tasks for children to work on across the curriculum each week in term time. We will leave the tasks for the last two weeks on the website until the end of the Easter holiday in case you have not had time to complete them all yet.

We are not posting any new learning tasks over the Easter holiday which starts tomorrow. Instead, you will find suggestions for activities to try during the next two weeks.

It looks very unlikely that schools will be able to re-open for the start of the Summer term on Monday 20th April (apart from for the children of Key Workers with no other adult at home to care for them).

We will post new Learning from Home tasks on our website ready for the week beginning 20th April and continue to post them weekly. We will also be posting our usual homework tasks (Home Learning and Learning Mats)as we usually do at this time:

https://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/home_learning/53902 then select the relevant key stage as well as our Topic webs which show an overview of what the children will be learning in each subject: <https://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/curriculum/17366> then select the relevant key stage

Staff will continue to respond to email queries about any aspect of Home Learning or Learning from Home- the email addresses for each key stage can be found by clicking here:

https://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website/learning_from_home_queries/462715

If you do not have access to a printer, we can print off paper copies of materials on request, which you may be able to collect from the school foyer (subject to government guidance about leaving the house).

May we urge you all to help your children continue with a schooling routine so that they do not fall too far behind during this prolonged period of absence from school! Please find attached guidance for parents produced by a charity (Education Otherwise) that supports parents who are home – schooling and is full of good advice and practical tips about managing this new situation.

It has felt very strange to have so few people in our building and we are missing you all and hope we will be able to open again before too long. Many schools will remain open to Key Worker children over the next fortnight but we are fortunate in that our services are not required. During this time, therefore, we will be closed so may not be able to respond to queries until we reopen on Monday 20th April. We hope you will be able to discover new ways to spend time to enjoy being together with your wonderful children and to get through this difficult time.

With very best wishes to you and your families

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