



Remote Learning Updates

Dear Parents

Thank you for supporting your children at home with their learning. We have been thrilled that so many children are engaging with their online lessons and have adapted so quickly to this new way of working.

We also know that some families have been struggling with some areas and so we've made some tweaks to try and make things more straight forward for everyone.

As I write this it is hard to believe that just over 72 hours ago - we were planning on coming into school the following day as normal. I think we have all achieved a lot in a very short time. It is inevitable that we will have some teething problems after such a rapid change. Please be kind to yourselves - if you feel overwhelmed, take a break and do something you enjoy for a while. If you are struggling let us know (parents@westberryfederation.org.uk) and we'll do what we can to support you.

We are required to provide a minimum of 3 hours of learning a day for KS1 and a minimum of 4 hours for KS2 but we know that this will be too much for some children. Please encourage your child to do as much as they can but also make time for fun and exercise. Please prioritise maths, reading and writing lessons and then try and make sure your child takes part in a variety of other areas of learning across the weeks. If children are not able to complete their work in the allocated lesson time, please ask them to submit their work and add a note to tell their teacher how long was spent on the task. Submitting work whether it is finished or not allows teachers to assess what the child has understood and plan for their next steps. You can watch this video [How to upload work to google classroom!](#) to learn how your child can submit their work on the Google Classroom.

It is OK for children to try lessons on their own when parents aren't available to support them. We know that children will need to learn to listen online and might not learn as effectively - teachers will take account of this and will adapt things accordingly.

[Changes from next week \(11.01.21\)](#) -We are hoping these changes will help relieve pressure at home.

Sit together for literacy for children in Y1 to Y6 -

Next week we'd like the children to learn with Mrs C (Jane Considine - Literacy Consultant and the creator of the Write Stuff) for English. These lessons are designed to be accessible for children from Y1 to Y6 with the same core lesson and different expectations for the outcome of children's writing. We're hoping that this will make it easier for siblings to work together and support each other. These lessons are broadcast live on youtube and will give children the opportunity to interact a little with others nationally (eg shout outs) but will be available on youtube as a recorded lesson afterwards for those that miss the live lesson. You can pause the live and recorded versions if life gets in the way! Lessons can be accessed on youtube following this link [The Training Space](#) . The link will also be posted in the Google Classrooms

YR English lessons will continue as they have been so far. Some Y1 children may be directed by their teacher to a more appropriate lesson for their stage of learning. Please check your email before Monday's English lesson.

One lesson in the afternoons -

We've amended the children's timetable so they'll only have one lesson in the afternoon so hopefully children won't feel so rushed.

Drop-in available between 11 and 12 -

One member of staff available online between 11 and 12 for each key stage on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs Hutchings will be online and ready to answer questions from KS1 children or their parents and Mrs Reading will be available for children in KS2. Quick questions will be answered by Mrs Reading or Mrs Hutchings. For any questions that need more time, children will be referred to another member of staff after Mrs Hutchings and Mrs Reading have checked the best and safest way for the child to access the support they need. If children need 1:1 support via a video call we can sometimes facilitate this but there must be a second adult available from home or school to supervise the call.

Optional Live drop in moved to 12.15

Children can use this session to talk to their teacher about what they've done, hold their work up to the camera for some instant feedback or ask any questions. It is useful for children who are learning at home without the support of a parent but is an optional extra for any child that finds it useful.

We'll schedule lessons so parents can look ahead

We'll make lessons available on the Google classroom from at least 6pm the night before so that parents can take a look at what their child will be doing the next day. Teachers have been struggling to transform all of their carefully planned lessons (which often took a chunk of their Christmas holiday to prepare) to suit online learning with so little notice. But we are now catching up and will make lessons available to preview as soon as possible.

Printed sheets for maths

We know that lots of families would prefer children to work on paper rather than at a screen for part of the day. From Monday evening, packs will be available in the drop boxes outside school to collect. We're trying to keep printing to a minimum as there was lots of wasted paper in the Summer. The packs will have the maths sheets needed for the following 5 days. We'll aim to do this each week and will send an email to confirm when packs are ready to collect each week.

'To do' list and links in the calendar

Teachers will put a link in the morning 'Are You Ready' calendar entry for each day - [How to find work via links in the Calendar](#). Children can use this as a to do list for the day. The link will take children to the correct part of the classroom to make things easier to find.

Trainee teachers are here to help too.

We have a wonderful team of trainee teachers working with us at the moment. You might already have met some of them - your children certainly have.

Revised Daily Schedule to make time for personalised learning

Please see below for an overview of changes made. These changes will commence the WB:11th Jan

Improvement to follow soon

- We know that some children are running out of reading books - we're hoping to have a book exchange system in place soon.
- We'll see how children get on using the new calendar links to the Google classroom but may change the Google Classroom structure.

Other issues that we haven't found a solution to yet

We know that the afternoon 'Are you Ready' session is quite late for some children. Because some families are sharing one device we can't overlap sessions for different year groups. Some afternoon sessions involve some live teaching. If live teaching will be happening that afternoon it will be clear in the calendar (in the morning 'Are you Ready' calendar list) so you can see how best to fit afternoon tasks in for your child.

We need to remember it is only Day 3 of a very new way of working. Keep up the amazing work you are doing already!



UPDATED Daily Schedule

Time	What?	How?
8.45 Before school starts	Look at your timetable and check to have everything you need.	You will find this at the top of your maths and English google classroom – called 'timetable'
8.50 - 9.00 - Yr5/6 + Yr R 9.05 - 9.10 - Yr 3/4 9.15 - 9.25 - Yr 1/2	LIVE - ARE YOU READY? - Meet with your teacher for them to take you through what to do this morning	Click on the calendar. Help sheet is available on the website.
Session 1 After 'Are you ready?'	All children BASIC SKILLS - FREE CHOICE: Choose from - reading, spelling, times tables practise, handwriting practise <i>Will also be used by staff for 1:1 reading & group teaching</i>	
9.45-10.45 Session 2	Literacy - LIVE LESSONS with Mrs C	
10.45- 11.15 optional Play time ***Please note the slight change in times	Take a break from learning tasks. Try and get some fresh air and exercise OPTIONAL LIVE Go online and see your friends a for a chat and catch up	Via the calendar link for your class.
11.15-12.15 Session 2	Numeracy	
All teachers online and available from 12.15-12.30	Make sure you upload your work OPTIONAL LIVE – catch up with your class teacher for any questions.	Via the calendar link for your class. Help sheet available on website
12.15 -1.15 Lunch		
1.15-1.25 After Lunch Energy Boost	OPTIONAL LIVE - Daily physical challenge set but Rosie Smith	Join in via the calendar
1.25 - 1.35 Yr 5/6 + YrR 1.35-1.45 Yr3/4 1.45 - 1.55 Yr1/2	LIVE - ARE YOU READY - Meet with your teacher for them to take you through what to do this afternoon	Click on the calendar. Help sheet is available on the website.
Session 3	'Other' subject (check your timetable)	Look at the timetable and look at what subject you should have had that afternoon. Complete the work set and upload to Google Classroom.
3pm OPTIONAL Story time <i>Click on KS1 or KS2 in the calendar.</i>		

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Invites will be sent via calendar if needed

We are extremely lucky that the amazing 'Mrs C' is running live lessons. These can be found on [You Tube](#) under '[The Training Space](#)' Mrs C

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheTrainingSpace/featured>

This is for all children from Yr1-Yr6. Therefore, siblings can work on this together at home.

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This has been altered so children will be given one afternoon subject