



The West Jesmond Home-School

12.1.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

Can we once again thank you for all you are doing to support your children's learning at home. We are very proud to call the part of our school at home our West Jesmond home-School, but we fully understand how hard it is educating children in the house and you have, as always, our respect, understanding and support for all you are doing.

We will continue to reflect on how we set the work for our children and will be striving to find ways to improve what we do week by week. Last week, we sent out information on how we aimed to structure and deliver our home-learning and this week we have added some further details to our plans. They are published as our **Remote Learning Guide for Parents** on the School Website in the Home-School section.

Phone Calls Home

We have started making our phone calls from teachers to all of our families. The calls are to make contact with our children, to find out how they are and how they are finding the learning at home and to hopefully keep them motivated in their responses to the work we set. It is also a chance for parents to ask any questions about the Home-Learning. Please note that the phone calls may come from a withheld number.

What is new this week for home-learners (and for those in school)?

The West Jesmond Daily Physical Challenge: From this week Mr Stenhouse and Miss Taylor will be creating a short daily physical activity challenge for our children (and parents!) This will be posted on Twitter, Facebook and through Seesaw and Tapestry. Make sure you tell us how well you do!

Virtual Assembly: On a Friday we morning we will hold an assembly to celebrate some of the achievements of the children in-school and at home during the week. This will be filmed and uploaded to Seesaw and Tapestry.

Friday Resource Collection

This Friday there will be another chance for parents to collect resources from school to support your home-learning. **If you were not able to come last week, please come in to pick up some books for your child to use at home.**

NEW RESOURCE THIS WEEK: We have a **White Rose Booklet** for every child in Years 1 to 6 that will support the maths learning for the next few weeks.

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To do this safely we will be giving parents a time slot to ensure social distancing. We ask you to enter school at the main gate by Reception, turn left and enter the school hall through the external door.

Each year group will have a marked table with resources.

To keep everyone safe please follow strict social distancing:

- Where possible we ask that only **one parent** comes to school and no children are present. If you need to bring your child please keep them with you at all times.
- Please wear a mask as at all times on the school premises.
- Keep a 2 metre + distance from other parents and from members of staff.
- Please enter and leave the school and our vicinity as promptly as possible.
- Please keep strictly to timings.
- Parents may pick up work for any siblings at the same time
- **Please do not drive or park near the school**

Timings

Reception: 9 – 9.30 Year 1: & 2 9.30 – 10.00 Year 3 & 4: 10 - 10.30 Year 5 & 6: 10.30 - 11

Thank you for your support

Matt Ward (Headteacher)