

West Pelton Primary School and Nursery



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Dear Families and Friends,

Firstly, we hope you are all well in these difficult times and secondly we would like to thank you for your continued support, understanding and co-operation during this pandemic.

This year started so well with the children really enjoying all the different opportunities in school and now, every day, there are calendar reminders for what we would be doing if we were in school (OPAL play afternoons, Beamish visits and sports events to name a few) and it is so upsetting knowing that the children are missing out on these, at this time. However, if we all follow the government advice these days will eventually be over - every day is a day closer to 'normality' resuming.

In the meantime, we will be continuing to provide packed lunches for collection (from the kitchen door, after Easter); setting challenges on our Facebook page and uploading a 'weekly learning overview' for each class to our website page:

<http://www.westpelton.durham.sch.uk/pupils/online-learning/>

There are a range of other links to online learning sites on our website, but we appreciate this can be a bit overwhelming. The three that we think are the most useful are:-

1. White Rose Maths
2. Oxford Owls
3. Education City (our school has purchased access for every child)

In addition to this Mrs Baxter is continuing to set tasks via Tapestry for our Reception children.

A mouse took a stroll through the deep dark wood.
A fox saw the mouse and two metres away he stood.
"Where are you going to, little brown mouse?"
I hope it's one of the four reasons you can leave your house?"
"It's terribly kind of you to check, Fox, and yes."



I'm going home, saving lives and protecting the NHS."



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Although the school remains closed Mrs Ainsworth is continuing to access the school email account, so any queries please email

j.ainsworth100@durhamlearning.net and Mrs Donnelly, our PSA, is also still working remotely if you need any advice or support from her.

If you are a key worker critical in the fight against the Covid-19 battle and need childcare, please email Mrs Ainsworth so we can discuss your needs – we have made provision at Cassop Primary School whilst the local authority is looking at the possibility of hubs. However, to quote our Education Secretary, if you are able to keep your child at home, you should.

Once again, thank you for your support in these unrepresented times.

Take care and stay safe,

Ms Hewison & staff

