

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Learning during the school closure

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to parents/carers, staff and children for working so hard on their teaching and learning whilst school has been closed, which it has now been for four weeks. Everyone, including staff and families, has a different set of circumstances, resources and expectations and meeting them all, virtually, is a challenging task. This means that every school is supporting their families in different ways. At West Acton, we follow guidance on safeguarding and GDPR from the Government, Union advice for staff and try to consider everyone's wellbeing. I thought it would be good time to remind you of resources that are available and a couple of new features we are introducing.

Currently we offer:

1. Bespoke daily lessons from our teachers for each class and whole school Head teacher messages

Each year group and myself, post daily work and messages for pupils and parents/carers. Please check here daily to keep up with what is going on. The content remains in there so you can dip in and out as you wish.

https://westacton.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/Students/EqV5IN8DuBRBkW5qBHvYITcBqL_C3cW8mxkAbpLu-hBNog?e=HOESke

If it is asking for a password to an account, please use your child's USO (which should end with .307) and then put @westactonprimaryschool.org after it. The password will then be the same password that they use with their USO.

Example:

wacton.307@westactonprimaryschool.org password1

2. Websites

As a school subscribe to a variety of high quality online learning resources – details of which are here <https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/governance/home-learning> .

You will also find our new form here which you can use to apply for any lost or forgotten passwords.

3. Paper packs that we gave before the school closure

A simple paper pack was given to all pupils who were present in school before we closed.

We cannot post these packs out to everyone. **If you did not collect your pack and would like to collect it staff will be able to hand these out to you at set times next week.**

However, before you come there are a few things to consider:

1. Do not come to get a pack if you already have it – we have a list and know who took theirs home.
2. There are no new packs to collect so please do not come and ask for something else.
3. Do not come in large family groups, please respect social distancing when waiting for your pack and respect the staff who may have to ask you to move or stand back.
4. The pack is quite simple booklet of reading, writing and maths exercises – please consider if you really need to come and collect or are you doing ok with the online resources?
5. Staff handing these out will not be able to discuss your child’s learning with you.
6. Think carefully before you come to collect this.

Tuesday 5 th May 10.00am to 12.00pm	Wednesday 6 th May 10.00am to 12.00pm	Thursday 7 th May 10.00am to 12.00pm
Reception, Nursery, Year 5 and Year 6	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and 4

4. Updates and reminders on Facebook and Twitter

We have opened a Facebook page during the school closure to complement our twitter page and use this as another to update and communicate with you.

<https://twitter.com/westactonpri>
<https://www.facebook.com/westactonpri/>

5. admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk

I have been manning the admin email inbox since we have shut to ensure that you get the right support that you need and pass messages to staff. Please do get in contact and we love to see any work too. This is the best way to contact as we cannot answer the phone all of the time.

6. Letters and newsletters

We have continued to send letters and a weekly newsletter to keep in touch and keep you updated.

7. BUG CLUB for everyone!

Our online reading scheme is now available for all year groups.

8. Additional support for some pupils

School has actually remained open the whole time and during the holidays for a small group of pupils that the Government has asked schools to look after. Mrs Ives and myself, Woodlands staff or other professionals also phone some pupils and their families. We still share Felix project food with families.

Those families who are eligible for FSM are receiving vouchers – please check here to see if you do:

<http://fsm.bsforum.com/ealing/Dseat.jsp>

Additional new features coming soon:

1. Class newsletter from the teacher

You will be emailed a letter from your child’s teacher next week. Every day the teachers are setting work for their class and send messages to them so please show them to your child.

2. Interactive Teacher Sessions – a live wall!

Following the success and positive feedback from our shared online learning file, which contains simple lessons and activities, we are now expanding our online support by offering short interactive sessions with teachers across our school. This will be a live wall where you can type questions to a teacher.

Starting from Monday 4th May, these interactive sessions will take place for 1 hour each school day between 10.00am and 11.00am and will provide an opportunity to ask any questions that you have during the closure period. The teacher(s) running each session will be answering questions across all year group 'chats' and may not necessarily be your child's class teacher.

For online safety, we have taken the following precautions:

- USO usernames and passwords will be required to access each year group 'chat'
- Children's names will not be displayed within the 'chat'; their USO username will be used instead. Please ask your child not to disclose their name within the 'chat'.
- Video conferencing has been disabled; any videos shown by teachers will have been pre-recorded.
- 1:1 chat, whether student to student or teacher to student, has been disabled.
- Work can still be submitted privately via the 'Assignment' feature and any additional queries can still be sent

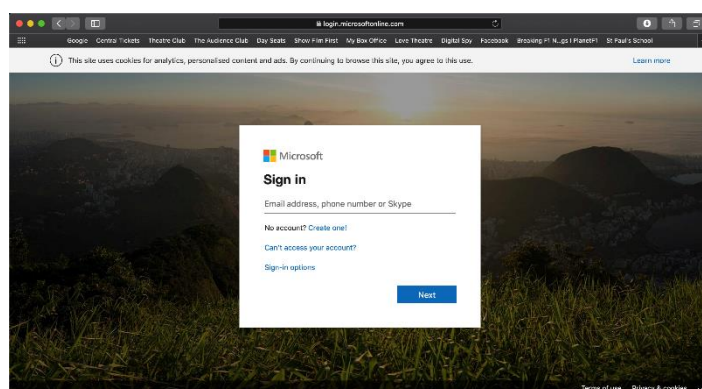
admin@west-acton.eaing.sch.uk

Please note that chats are monitored and by choosing to use them, you are agreeing to use in accordance with the school computer usage policy.

Instructions for how to access this chat here:

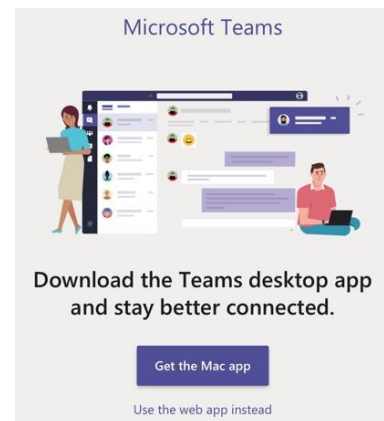
- 1) Go to the website <https://teams.microsoft.com>
Sign in using your USO username followed by @westactonprimaryschool.org – click next.
Then enter your password for your account.

Example:



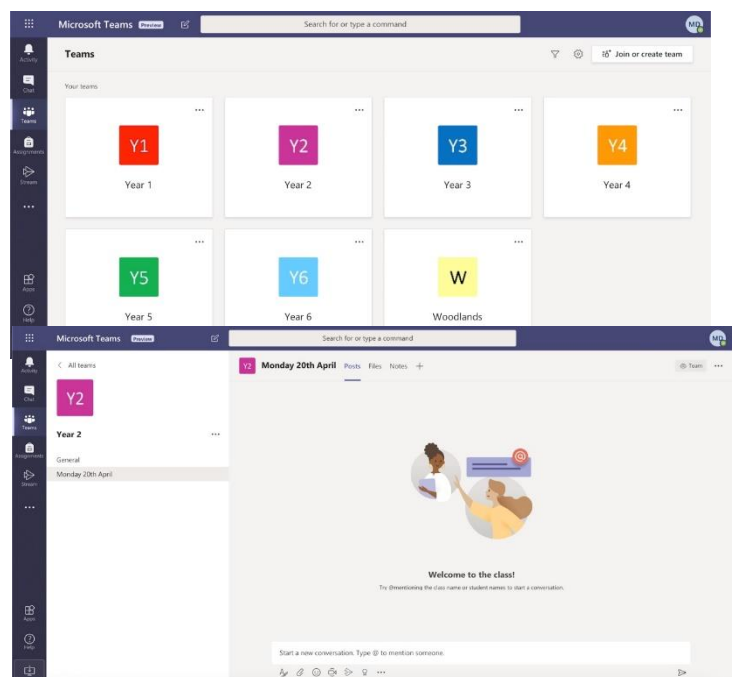
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- 2) You may then be prompted to download the app or use the web. Please choose the option that you would prefer – both should work effectively.



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- 3) Once Teams has opened, please select your group by clicking on the coloured square. will only have the year group that you are assigned to for online safety reasons.



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- 4) On the left side of the page under 'General', choose today's date to open up the chat forum where questions can be asked.

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As a school, we understand that for some parents/carers the provision of online resources has provided a supportive structure and routine for them during these difficult times. We are aware that the current situation is different for every individual. We support and respect those who are unable to use or choose not to use these resources. We are trying our best to support everyone through this situation.

If you haven't already seen our whole school video message here:
<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/governance/celebration-wall>
please take a look!

I really look forward to the day that we can welcome you all back – until then please keep in contact and up to date with school life as much as possible. Above all, stay safe.

Yours faithfully,
Karen Kondo
Headteacher