



# Westerton Primary Academy

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## End-of-year arrangements for Y6 children

Dear parents / carers,

We are very much enjoying having so many of our Y6 children back in school and returning to some semblance of normality. If your child has yet to return, this will still be possible in the coming weeks although home learning on Seesaw will still continue for the remaining three weeks.

As we are approaching the end of the school year, there are several arrangements we would like to bring to your attention.

### Woodkirk Writing Project

Your child may have noticed new tasks appearing in Seesaw over the last couple of days titled "Woodkirk Writing Project". This is a new home-learning project set by Woodkirk staff that children will complete in preparation for their first literacy unit in September. The expectation is that children complete this before the end of the holidays and take the project in with them on their first day of high school.

Our aim in normal circumstances towards the end of the year would be to prepare children for the increase in expectations for homework in Year 7. Feedback from our visits to Y7 pupils in October shows that this is often the area of school where some children can struggle initially. With that in mind (while we would encourage children to work through the project at their own pace) it may be a good idea to speak to your child about managing their time so the project is completed in short chunks.

We will be distributing blue exercise books (72 hours after being labelled, then quarantined!) to children in school this week and delivering to families whose children are not in school when staffing allows. There will also be a resource pack for children who do not have access to a printer.

Although this project will be delivered through Seesaw, all tasks must be completed in the blue exercise books provided as Woodkirk staff will not have access to our home learning platform.

There are currently 15 short to medium length tasks uploaded for children to make a start on and further tasks will be added gradually over the next few weeks so as not to over-face children.

If your child is not attending Woodkirk, they will not be receiving any of the above tasks or resources.

### Return of school equipment

There are a number of resources we would appreciate returning to school in the next three weeks. In each classroom, we have a box where returned items can be kept for 72 hours. Alternatively, items can be posted through the school office letterbox at the main entrance:

- Any "Westerton" stamped Accelerated Reader library books.

Visit our School Website

[www.westerton.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.westerton.leeds.sch.uk)

Visit the Leodis Academies Trust Website

[www.leodisacademiestrust.com](http://www.leodisacademiestrust.com)

- The three CGP SAT revision guides given out in the Easter term (English, maths and GP&S).
- Sports equipment e.g. Westerton football kits, athletics tops etc.

Thank you in advance for the cupboard searching! We have a record of all revision guides against pupils' names and non-return of these items will result in a charge of £5 per booklet.

### **End-of-year celebrations**

It is only right that we give our children the very best send-off possible in their last day with us, though we are sure you can appreciate that there are many traditions that we will be pausing for a year.

However, we can confirm the below will still be provisionally going ahead:

#### End of year assembly

Two "assemblies" will be held on the last Tuesday or Friday where our respective halves of the week will be in school for the last time. These will be set up through a Zoom call with Y6 in school linking within their classrooms and children at home also invited to virtually attend on whichever day they wish:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: 10:30 a.m.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: 10:30 a.m.

You can expect many of the Westerton traditions, but virtually!

#### Memorabilia

Children will still receive parting gifts from the school to remind them of their educational journey at Westerton. Pupils in school will be taking these home on their last day in school and there will also be an opportunity for children to collect these from the Y3 gate at the end of school on Tuesday and Friday at the times detailed below. Any hoodie orders or photographs from Lighthouse Photography will also be available at this time.

#### Final day

On the last days (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Friday 17<sup>th</sup>), we are inviting children to arrive in non-uniform. There will also be an extended leaving time of 1:50 – 2:20 which will allow for a send-off for our Y6 children while making sure the areas around school are clear for the next year-group no later than 2:30.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to release siblings from classes other than Y6 at this earlier time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

We understand that some after-school arrangements, e.g. limo transport, are still going ahead. If this is the case, we would ask you to be considerate of the areas around school where other parents will be collecting their own children and avoid congestion wherever possible e.g. through avoiding pick-up spots in close proximity to the school gates.

If you have any questions about the above, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Pool  
Vice Principal