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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are all keeping well. All the staff at Wester Cleddens are missing our pupils tremendously already! Thank you for all the lovely messages we have received over the last week and for the messages of support and photos/videos that have been shared via our School Twitter Page and emails, this has meant a lot to all the staff.

I hope that you have found the Learning Grids for Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing helpful over the last week, as we adjust to a very different way of living and learning. We would encourage our families to continue to use these over the next few weeks, in whatever way suits your own needs at home. There are lots of fun and engaging activities within these grids that will keep learning going for a long time and can fit around what works best for you. Please do not worry, if you haven't managed any of these, we completely understand. It is a challenging time for us all and it will take time for us all to adjust.

The most fundamental thing at this present time continues to be the wellbeing of our pupils, their families and our staff. Please do not feel any pressure to be completing certain tasks or activities with your child or feel that we expect the children to be completing all the tasks given, we do not. Teaching, parenting and working are three very different roles and it is extremely difficult to try and manage doing all 3 at the one time and we completely understand this. We all have different pressures upon us, and the most important thing is our children feel safe and happy.

What we want to do at WCPS, is provide a range of activities and learning opportunities you may wish to do at home, these are not compulsory in any means. What we will do, is continue to provide support where we can, interact via Teams as much as we can and answer any queries you may have during this time, via our School Office email.

One of the ways we wish to do this is via Microsoft Teams (Glow Teams). Your child will need their Glow username and password for this resource. This will either be in the jotter handed out or was sent to Parents/Carers via email. If you are having any issues with this, please email our School Office.

Mrs Dickson has created a guide for all Parents/Carers and Pupils on how to use Microsoft Teams and Microsoft One Note. This guide is attached within this email.

Microsoft Teams can be accessed via your child's Glow account. They can then download the Teams app, which you may find easier to navigate. Please be aware that if you log in via the Teams app, you need to put a slightly different username in. Please see guide for further details.

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Our Class Teachers have been busy over the last week setting up Teams for each class within our school. Some children have logged on already and had a look, commented or shared some pictures or work they have been doing at home. However, there have not been any new tasks or activities that have been uploaded.

Please do not worry if your child has not been on yet, we were not expecting anyone to be on Teams at this stage but I think some children were keen to see what it was all about, as it is new to us all!

From today, teachers will be posting new Literacy, Numeracy and HWB activities on Teams that you may wish your child to complete. These will be posted once a week on a Monday. Each class will be assigned tasks which your child can complete at home, at a time that suits the family best. Again, I must stress, you must do what works best for your family and your current situation.

Class Teachers have set up digital jotters for their pupils to complete work in. These are called 'Class Notebooks'. Please refer to the guide for further information. There are three sections in your child's Class Notebook: Literacy, Maths and Health and Wellbeing.

Teachers may assign tasks into your child's Class Notebooks for completion. The pages will be added automatically added by teachers, however, you should keep an eye on the 'General' channel of your child's Team page for updates and announcements from their class teacher.

If you prefer to use the jotter that was given to your child instead of the digital notebook, this is fine or if you have paper at home that you would rather use, this is okay too.

Sumdog and Studyladder are resources which will be used throughout to support learning at home. Please note, with Sumdog it up-levels the activities in response to how your child is completing the games, so the games may get easier or harder.

If you have any issues with any of the resources we are using or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch via our school office email. We will try our best to get back to you as soon as possible. This situation is new to us all, so we do not expect that everything will run smoothly but we will try our upmost best to ensure it is as smooth as we can make it.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Fiona Kynigos

Head Teacher



*Happy Together, Learning Together, Achieving Together*