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Dear Parents/Carers,

Remote Learning

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for helping us to keep our community safe and well, by keeping your children at home. We now know that the transmission rate in Southend and particularly in Leigh, is very high and rising in the under 10s. It is still true to say that the younger children do not become ill in the vast majority of cases, but they very easily infect the older population, you, your parents and grandparents, the teachers, neighbours or friends' families if they are still mixing. STAY AT HOME is the advice for very good reasons – we all want to beat this virus.

As many of you have acknowledged, your children are having a great deal when it comes to their learning. Our teachers are planning and delivering lessons which are personalised to the West Leigh curriculum and to a particular year group or class and all the children from Year 3 to Year 6 should know what to do. If you have a technical problem please email support@westleigh-jun.southend.sch.uk

Showbie is definitely not for parent comment, and we ask you not to post queries on the platform. If your son or daughter experiences a problem with their work they should know exactly what to do. We expect them to ask their teacher or learning support assistant for help. Both these adults are giving live feedback and support. If you think there is still a query that needs attention please email either of us through the school office office@westleigh-jun.southend.sch.uk or call to talk to us. Between the two of us and Mr Queenborough we cover the school every day. Our teachers will not be able to answer individual queries as they are teaching all day and then planning very high quality lessons. You will have noticed that our lessons may use occasional video clips but we are not using generalised Oak Academy lessons or other commercial resources.

We are producing high quality recorded lessons on the whole with live verbal/written feedback which for us is the very important part. We felt that live lessons would put even more pressure on families with working parents and older siblings. You will be aware that most days there is a live class catch up session for the teacher to check in with the children.

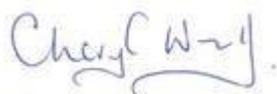
Feedback or marking will look different in different classes and on different days. Not all work will be marked. Teachers may refer to work generally, having given verbal feedback through the working period, or having asked the children to check their own work. We can assure you, each teacher knows exactly what the children are doing – as Mr Lear and I do, from our daily checks across the school. Any of the children who have not worked with concentration and application will settle down. We are only 4 days into a 6 weeks or longer remote learning situation. We are all learning how to manage and we thank you for your patience.

We will be providing work which needs your child to concentrate for approximately 3 hours a day. If they can't complete everything in that time, please don't worry. Let them finish well the amount they can do. Again, thank you for your patience while we learn exactly what three hours virtual work looks like. If your child finishes more quickly there is daily reading, spellings to practise, TT Rockstars, perhaps an instrument to practise, EPIC to use, lots of physical activity of any kind, and a myriad of craft activities from Christmas presents.

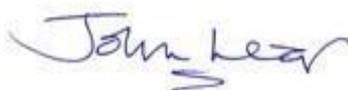
Again, our thanks to you for your patience and understanding as we all try to navigate this new world and manage our own home circumstances. We both really appreciate the positive comments we are receiving from you which we share with a very grateful staff. If you have any problems please contact us.

Stay home, keep safe and we look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Yours sincerely



Executive Headteacher



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