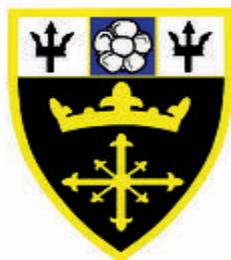


# WESTGARTH WEEKLY



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**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Families,

## **Children Attending School**

Thank you to parents/carers who are critical workers but only requesting for children to attend school where there are no other alternatives. We do appreciate, as fellow critical workers, how challenging it is to continue working during lockdown at a workplace, or at home, whilst balancing childcare and home learning.

The Department for Education has altered its guidance wording to stress that "While parents and carers who are critical workers should keep children at home if they can, children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school if required. Schools should speak to parents to identify children of critical workers who need to go to school." Please do not, therefore, be offended if we check your child's eligibility. This is not because we do not want to see children in school; it is because we want community transmission to reduce to the point where we can safely re-open to all children again as soon as possible.



Another childcare option being successfully used by some families is the formation of a childcare bubble, as outlined on GOV.UK:

"A childcare bubble is where one household links with one other household to provide informal childcare to anyone under 14. All adults in both households must agree to this arrangement. 'Informal' childcare means it is unpaid and unregistered. Members of either household can provide childcare in a home or public place. This includes overnight care. You can only have one childcare bubble with one other household. This means no household should be part of more than one childcare bubble. You can only use a childcare bubble for childcare. You cannot use a childcare bubble to mix with another household for other reasons."

Just to be aware that we will no longer be staffing the KS2 gates on a morning or evening for the duration of the partial school closure. The gate will, instead, be open from 8.45am to 9.15am and 2.55pm to 3.15pm. Please continue to wear a face covering when entering our school site from any entrance; to follow the one way system; and to observe social distancing on the yards, leaving the school site as quickly as possible.

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## Home Learners

We are aware that we are asking children at home to complete writing in their best handwriting and to undertake maths work that may be best completed on squared paper. If you do not have access to suitable lined or squared paper, we hope that you can pick up some workbooks from school over the next couple of days. Boxes of books will be labelled for year groups Y1 to Y6 and left in the shelters on the playgrounds between the hours of **8.00 to 8.30am and 3.30 to 4.30pm tomorrow and Friday.**

**Please only collect one of each book, so that we have enough for every child.** There will be a class list to tick that you have collected books for your child.

With very best wishes to all of our families. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Woodhead  
Headteacher