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# Wessex Gardens Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope everyone is as well as can be expected in these difficult times. We are missing everyone so much!

### Contact with class teachers

You will have already received emails and phone calls from your child's class teacher. I encourage you to use the class email address as it is the quickest and easiest way to reach out.

### Virtual Learning Provision

Our virtual learning provision is slightly different depending on the age of the children. Please make sure you are accessing the learning daily. We will be keeping a record of your child's engagement and will be in touch to offer support if engagement is minimal.

### EYFS (Reception and Nursery)

Our early years continue to use Tapestry as the main form of communication. Thank you to all families who have uploaded examples of their child's learning so far. Lessons have also been recorded by the teachers and added to Tapestry for you to access.

### KS1 (Y1 and Y2)

We have been providing our virtual learning for Years 1 and 2 via our website and we have used Google Meets to see how we can hold live sessions with the children. Our next step is to provide all KS1 parents with access to Google Classroom currently being used successfully in KS2. This will allow more engagement between home and school and will provide an easy way of submitting any learning the children have completed. **More details will follow shortly.**

### KS2 (Y3 to Y6)

KS2 are successfully using Google Classroom. The virtual learning is handed in each day so the teacher can see how well the children are doing. We have also practised some live sessions through Google Classroom, which have proved very successful. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any issues in logging into Google Classroom.

### Live sessions

Thank you for supporting the children with their live sessions this week. We will be increasing the frequency of these over the coming weeks. As this is such a new way of engaging with their teacher, we have established some protocols and rules that everyone must follow. These are included with this letter.



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### **Recording Live Sessions – Parental Permission**

To keep everyone safe, from 25<sup>th</sup> January every live session will be recorded and stored in line with our data protection policy. I do require parental permission to record sessions. If we do not receive your agreement, I am afraid your child cannot take part in the live sessions. **I will send out a separate letter regarding this.**

### **Additional Support**

We understand that screen based learning can be difficult for some children so we can also provide paper packs of learning to be collected from school. Please liaise with your class teacher to organise this. Demands on home technology is also challenging so please get in touch if you need any support with this.

Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Keep safe everyone,

Alexander Banks  
Headteacher