



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Internet Safety Matters

With lockdown in place, we continue to use technology for a range of things – from shopping to communicating and socialising. During this time, there have been an increased number of scams and inappropriate use such as the Free School Meal scam on social media and photobombing on Zoom (use Zoom Version 5 to avoid this). Please can you all be vigilant when your child is using technology and refresh your minds with tips to protect our children. For further information click here: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



Home Learning

Wow, thank you one and all for your commitment and support with the home learning packs! We hope that the regular responding to work from your child's classteacher helps to motivate and guide your child in their next steps of learning.

On Monday, we will send out another set of work for all children which will be in a similar format to the previous pack. The pack will consist of 5 English and 5 Maths lessons as well as 10 other lessons – 2 hours of work per day is plenty for children to continue their learning during this tricky time. Should you need a paper copy, please let Nicola Elliott know via email and she will try to copy all the materials for you to use.

Behind the scenes we have also been learning about Google Classroom and trying out this new system. We intend to trial this with Years 4 and 6 for the next two weeks and if successful, we intend to roll this out to the rest of Key Stage 2. It would be great if parents of Y4 and 6 children to help to support this project so that we get an idea of its benefits – hopefully this system may make your child's learning more independent enabling parents to carry on with their workload.

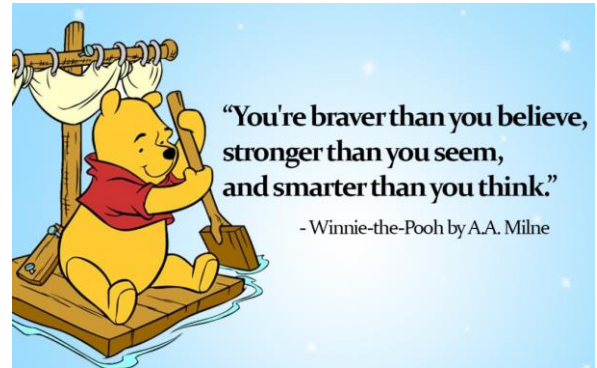
Are you concerned about a child's welfare?

If it is an emergency and you think that a child may be in immediate danger please contact the emergency services directly by calling 999. If you need to contact the LA urgently during the evening, at night or at the weekend, please phone our out-of-hours team on 01604 626 938.

For further information:

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/help-and-protection-for-children/Pages/report-a-concern.aspx>

Positivity and Happiness



Why not give these activities a go to help maintain positivity and happiness during the lockdown:

- Music is a great way to lift your mood. Hold a family disco with a playlist of everyone's favourite tracks. You could even play musical statues.
- Use an old tissue box to post positive statements about each other and then open them at the end of the week for a celebration.
- Why not share your 'positive' place? Tell your family about a place that is special to you.
- Positive Affirmations are positive statements that children and adults can repeat to themselves in order to increase self-esteem, promote positive thinking, and change negative self-talk. They work best if each person thinks of their own. This is because the healing power of affirmation comes not from saying the positive words aloud, but from internalizing them. Examples could include: I am kind. I am enough. I am loving. I am a good friend. I am unique. A whole family affirmation would be a lovely way for everyone to work together.
- Keep a daily positivity diary – include in it for example 'one amazing thing that happened today', a personal affirmation, how will I make tomorrow even better and/or something you are looking forward to.
- Create an affirmation board. Grab a poster board or small canvas. Together, draw or find pictures which describe your values, things you want to achieve, and/or who you want to become. Encourage everyone to include positive things they believe about themselves, their goals, things they can't do YET but want to learn.