

WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Supporting Children to Promote Mental Wellbeing

During this tricky time, it is important for families to continue to support their children's mental wellbeing. Resources and links to support families over the coming weeks include:

- MindEd educational resources for adults about children and young people's mental health which is relevant for parents and carers as well as volunteers, teachers, and other professionals working with children. https://www.minded.org.uk/
- Every Mind Matters which supports looking after your own and other's mental health. https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/
- guidance on looking after wellbeing and mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19)
 outbreakhttps://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing
- guidance on supporting children's wellbeing and mental health.
 - https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-youngpeoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing
- Public Health England's Rise Above platform. https://riseabove.org.uk/

You can also find materials to promote and support mental wellbeing in the list of online educational resources the government has published to help children to learn at home.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/online-science-pewellbeing-and-send-resources-for-home-education

Should your family experience significant concerns over mental wellbeing, help can be accessed by phoning 111 for immediate advice and support.

COVID Update

Last Tuesday, schools received further quidance about bringing children back to school before the summer holidays. As the restrictions for bubble numbers and distancing have not changed and the DFE is unable to provide further funding for schools to use public buildings and hire extra staffing, we have taken the decision not to open any further bubbles in the coming weeks. We will, of course, continue to provide home learning to classes via classroom for Key Stage 2 and we are hoping to develop this for Year 2 as well.

Class Organisation for September

We are expecting the government to allow schools to fully reopen at the beginning of next term, although this is not likely to be confirmed until mid-August. With this in mind, we are starting to plan for September - all class teachers will remain in the same year group and classroom as this will ease transition and children will move up a year group as per normal. The government has pledged for some catch up funding for schools to address issues in learning but we are waiting for confirmation before putting these plans in place.

Our Value for this month is Happiness