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Dear Parents

New Term Update

Hopefully you have all managed to relax at least a bit and recuperate over the Easter break, ready for the start of the school term today; and a return to the digital classrooms.

Register

Please try to **ensure that your children log into Google Classroom** as early as possible each day, and **by 12 noon**. The class teachers will pass the register to the office staff at that point, and they will begin to follow up the children who have not registered in the usual way; by groupcall and then with follow-up phone calls. Please contact either your child's class teacher or the Westpark e-mail address if you would like to inform of a medical absence or any other exception.

Digital Support

Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any problems or questions with the Google Classroom. In addition the digital learning hub is available at <https://glo.li/accdigital> and additional resources will continue to be added to it.

Hotline

The virtual school helpline has been established to support children and families in need of any additional assistance. The phonenumber is available from 9am on Monday and the number is 01224 523322.

Free School Meals

Applications for free school meals for pupils in P1 to P7, whose parents are in receipt of particular benefits can be made here: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/school-life/apply-free-school-meals>

On-line safety

This week we are expecting a new guideline from Aberdeen City Council to ensure all children are safe while learning on-line at home. Class teachers will be assigning some work on this over the weeks ahead, but if you have the time please take a look at the activities for children of all ages on website from the UK government: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Meanwhile, please ensure:

- Where possible children should be in a public room in the house, with an adult present, if they are on a video call.

- Children should be dressed appropriately when making video calls.
- Adults should be aware of and happy with the content that children are posting in the classroom; knowing that this is visible to others.

The full guidelines will be posted as soon as we have them.

Family Learning

Ruth Hamilton (our Family Learning Worker) has set up a facebook page to support Westpark and Quarryhill parents (if you type in “Ruth Family-Learning” you should find her). She is planning on posting daily with activities for the kids, basic recipes and some wellbeing ideas etc, so it would be great if all parents were aware of this support and can add her if they want to.

As always more information will follow to keep you all as connected as possible with everyone at Westpark School. Stuck at home – keep learning – read a book 😊

Yours faithfully

Gregor Watson
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