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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Home learning update

We hope that you and your loved ones are all safe and have managed to enjoy some of the glorious weather in whatever way you can.

We hope that you are enjoying the resources and timetables that you have received recently. As stated in my letter on Monday 20th April 2020, we would make some suggestions about how to use the new Oak National Academy website and we have updated our Westbridge home learning timetables to reflect this.

Please see below some additional guidance regarding our home learning timetables.

Flexibility

As we all know, children need structure and routine; therefore, it is important that you stick to the timetable as much as you can. It is also important to do what works for you and your children, so if there are aspects of the timetable that you need to change, do so.

Oak National Academy website (www.thenational.academy)

Oak National Academy is a new online collection of high-quality lessons and online resources created in response to the coronavirus lockdown.

The lessons cover most national curriculum subjects (including English and mathematics) and must be followed in the correct order. Each lesson is an hour-long, with elements such as a quiz, a video explanation from the online teacher and a worksheet. Please note: the Year R lesson schedule is for Nursery and Reception children.

We are mindful that everyone does not have access to a printer, so we will print the weekly worksheets that match the online lessons ready for you to collect each Friday. As this is a new resource and the content is updated on the website each week, we will be working one week behind. For example:

Week 1 worksheets will be ready for you to collect on Monday 27th April 2020 (from 9am to 12noon) and your child should complete all of the schedule for week 1 learning from Monday 27th April 2020 to Friday 1st May 2020.

Week 2 worksheets will be ready for you to collect on Friday 1st May and your child should complete all of the schedule for week 2 learning from Monday 4th May 2020 to Friday 8th May 2020.

Purple Mash

As the Oak National Academy website provides a collection of high-quality lessons, class teachers will now use Purple Mash to communicate with children about the Oak National Academy online lessons. This will help make the learning interactive and enable children and parents to ask questions they may have. Children can continue to access Purple Mash to complete games and activities of their choice; however, the main lessons will come from using the Oak National Academy website.

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Other online learning activities

All parents should have login details for their children to access all of the other online learning activities that have been listed on the timetable. If you do not, please let us know by contacting info@westbridge.wandsworth.sch.uk.

The Phonics Play website has been updated to: <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Username: march20, Password: home

Learning work packs and activity books

Children must complete the handwriting and spellings that have been provided in the work packs. Any incomplete work packs/activity books can be used for revision, or as an alternative if you do not have access to the Oak National Academy website.

Access to laptops and tablets

London Borough of Wandsworth will be distributing free laptops and 4G internet routers (over the coming weeks) as part of a government scheme to help eligible families access online learning. We will be in touch next week with further details if you meet the set criteria.

We all have to adapt to the new temporary ways of working and I know that you are all doing a great job of supporting your children's learning at home.

Please remember that if you have any questions, or need any support, let us know by contacting info@westbridge.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Thank you again for your continued support - **keep safe and remain positive.**

Yours sincerely,
Ms Thompson
Headteacher