

Friday 29th January 2021

We have had a few calls/messages from parents who are starting to struggle with this lockdown. As happened before, the novelty soon wears off and it becomes hard work motivating children to keep working and stay positive. It's easy to see also how children are gradually going to bed later and then getting up later and struggling in lessons or being absent. We completely understand this, it is the same for our own children. I would say to parents though that most of you are doing better than you realise. You are stronger than you realise. It's all too easy to be isolated and think you aren't doing great just because you saw what someone else has done on Facebook. The vast majority of parents are doing a great job. Don't beat yourselves up!

Please remember the advice from government and local authority though. DO NOT take a school place unless you absolutely need it. If your child isn't deemed vulnerable or you aren't a critical worker then think very carefully before you ask. If you CAN stay at home, then you SHOULD stay at home.

Home Learning

As I said above, the vast majority are working well and engagement in lessons is good. There are still a number of children not engaging at all and some of these families have taken a school ipad. This is quite unfair on families that are struggling and would use one all the time. If families choose not to use an ipad that has been donated then we will ask for it back and give it to another family. If you have issues with broadband then let us know please.

Please restrict the amount of eating and drinking during Zoom lessons. A sip of water is fine but some children seem to be in and out of lessons getting food and

eating lunch which is very distracting. Try and treat Zooms like a school lesson.



If you are having any problems then here are some helpful numbers

- ☎ Samaritans 116 123
- ☎ Mind 0300 123 3393
- ☎ Calm 0800 58 58 58
- ☎ Women's Aid 0808 2000 247
- ☎ Age UK 0800 678 1602
- ☎ Childline 0800 1111
- ☎ YoungMinds 0800 018 2138

Updates to lessons and plans are easily viewable at

<https://www.woodsideprimary.co.uk/>

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