



# Yealmpton Primary School

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A partner school in the Westcountry Schools Trust (WeST)  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We know remote learning is tricky to manage at home whilst you are juggling both home and work commitments and you are all doing an **amazing job**. We all want this situation to end, we want the best for the children, and we wholeheartedly look forward to teaching all the children in school when it's safe to do so. I want to say thank you for your continued efforts with the home learning.

We know that this extended period of remote education presents so many challenges for children and parents. We recognise the impact the pandemic is having on children's education and their lives in general, we know they are missing their friends and their usual routine. When they return to school it will be our job to establish where they are with their learning, their wellbeing and their relationships and we will start from that point and give them what they need to grow and develop. Let's hope that the improving data around infection rates and hospital admissions continues to improve so we can get the children back into school very soon.

Until that time everyone at school is doing their **'absolute best'** in providing the blended remote learning and we are proud of what we are offering whilst managing high numbers of attendance in POSE class bubbles. **Thank you** for all the positive comments on the remote learning parent survey, it is heartwarming and re-energising to hear that all our efforts are making such a difference to our lovely children at home.

It is a huge undertaking and the Team acknowledges that we are running a marathon and need to ensure our remote learning offer is sustainable over a long period of time. To capture some of what we do, the teachers are planning, teaching and providing feedback on the same curriculum offer at home and in school. We are offering a blended approach of pre-recorded teaching power points for you to use when it suits you; live sessions; feedback on work submitted; reaching out to support children's well-being; differentiated work and signposting resources; online reading schemes and providing digital support when needed. The parent survey, which closes on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, will support us in considering if there are any adjustments which may be manageable within the overall commitments we already have.

The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.

Phil Jackson

thank  
you!

I applaud every member of our school team - for going that extra mile, staying positive and looking for the best in this situation. The lockdown presents us with many challenges and everyone has pulled together and supported each other to adapt and make the necessary changes where and when we have needed.

**Thank you - all your hard work is appreciated and valued.**

## Safer Internet Day 2021

Celebrated all over the world by 170 countries on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February the theme this year is 'An internet we **trust**' exploring reliability in an online world. The aim is to embrace the amazing range of information and opportunities online but to also understand how to separate fact from fiction.

Celebrated globally and coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to talk to your family and friends about the safe, responsible and positive use of technology, and the UK Safer Internet Centre contributes to creating a kinder and better online community. Young people join together to explore how they can use the internet responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. If you would like more information about how to keep your children safe online, the following sites have a wide range of guidance:



Educational resources for parent or carers.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/page/education-packs.html>



Detailed guidance and excellent resources to support parents.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

In school, on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 11:45 am live session, we will be watching the following assemblies to find out about how to stay safe on line. At home we hope you can watch the assemblies too. You could also follow the link and watch the film and discuss with your child the issues around internet reliability just like we will be doing in school. The UK Safer Internet Centre helpful resources:

Primary School Films:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/page/sidtv.html>

Assembly for ages 3-7- Detective Digiduck

<https://vimeo.com/510174028>

Assembly for ages 7-11- Trust it or Check it?

<https://vimeo.com/510175931>



From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Hopefully this will be a chance for everyone to have a break from remote learning and enjoy some family time together. Thank you for your continued support.



Have a good week and take care,

*Louise Young*  
Head teacher