



The Woodside Way

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the strangest start of a new term. It has been so good to make contact with you **over recent days** and to hear of all that you have been doing with your children and young people at home. In this issue, we are showcasing some of the things the children and young people have been getting up to over the Easter break.

Teachers will continue to make weekly contact with you. We have all been pleased and encouraged to see the childrens' photographs and to hear how you are. Your feedback regarding the home learning has been very useful and we will do our best to tailor what is on there and respond to requests. Home learning activities can be found here <https://www.woodside.bexley.sch.uk/>. Click the tab for Home Learning and once there, classes and subjects are listed on the right hand side toolbar. Please do not feel pressurised in insisting that your child completes all tasks. The last thing that we want to do is add to an already pressurised situation, particularly for families where there is currently illness, or where children are very resistant to completing 'school work' at home. Learning through play and day-to-day activities, keeping to a routine, taking turns in a game and developing independence in looking after themselves and in the home are all important skills for life and learning. Please do chat with your child's teacher next week if you are facing challenges. Remember that you are the experts on your children. Teachers and school staff know them well.

We are also welcoming some new staff members this term:

Mrs Cowley and Ms Mole will be joining class teams in the KS3 and Primary.

Ms Mummery is joining the Learning Behaviour team along with Ms Bunting.

Ms Corcoran is our newly appointed senior lead for Inclusion and a new Senco, Ms Tasker will be in post in June.

I am pleased to inform you that Ms Langridge is also returning from her maternity leave and will be sharing teaching responsibilities with Ms Cranmer and the Independent Living Class.

I am reminded of our school motto, we are All Together Better, even though we are staying connected remotely for now! There are several ways to stay in contact with the school; by telephone, by email, through the website and on Twitter @Woodsidesch. Details are all in this issue

I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. **Mrs Freame**

Home baking from year 7

Elijah from Year 7 Hawthorne class helped make a cheesecake yesterday as part of his Easter homework. He is a star in the kitchen!

Well done Elijah it looks delicious!



Mr Bramble says, ' Stay Safe , Stay Home, Woof!'



Great to see how Warrick is getting along home learning

Great to see how Warrick is keeping up his Maths and Cooking skills. Please do keep the photos coming in. Stay connected.



Rainbows for Hope

We are seeing some great rainbow drawings, from home. Well done Kieran for sending us your amazing drawing.



Drum lessons via Skype

Great to see Ellen has an audience for her drum lessons via Skype from home. The cat seems to be really enjoying it too!



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New Woodside Academy Staff Members

MS Corcoran



Mrs Cowley



Miss Mole



Staying safe online

It is important that you know how to keep your child safe online.

The following organisations all give advice and offer support for families.

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

Teachers from Woodside Academy will not be making direct contact with your child either by email or through online learning.

If you or your child are exposed to any unsuitable or worrying online content then please report issues straight away via one of the agencies below:

- [Childline](#) - for support
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - to report and remove harmful online content
- [CEOP](#) - for advice on making a report about online abuse

However, If your child is exposed to unsuitable or worrying online content from within the school website or school community then please make contact with the school office as soon as possible on 01322 350123 or by email on office@bwf.education

[Home activity packs from ThinkuKnow](#)

Information and Helpline Numbers

- Aldi joins free school meals national voucher scheme for more info please visit - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/aldi-joins-free-school-meal-voucher-scheme>
- [Bexley Coronavirus Helpline](#) London Borough of Bexley has setup a helpline for vulnerable residents who may need help, advice, and support linked to the coronavirus. Tel - 0203 045 5398
- [Staying safe during COVID-19](#): A guide for victims and survivors of domestic abuse, Safe Lives - Freephone 24h National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247
- MIND in Bexley are still taking referrals and doing virtual appointments. The Crisis Café remains open and is seeing clients face-to-face
- NSPCC Internet Safety - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
- You can also visit our School website for more information - <http://www.woodside.bexley.sch.uk//>
- If you need to make contact with the school for any reason , then please call 01322 350123 or 01322 432057 email office@bwf.education

