16th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

In assembly this afternoon, pupils were provided with a further reminder of how to access all their lessons easily on the Its Learning platform should they need to work remotely at any time. Please see below a link to the recording of this assembly, which we hope will also provide parents and carers with a useful guide too.

https://westmoorsmiddleschool-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/r/personal/cwatkins_westmoorsmid_dorset_sch_uk/Documents/Recordings/Its%20Learning%20Refresher%20for%20all%20tutor%20groups-20220216_144512-Meeting%20Recording.mp4?csf=1&web=1&e=ceYLnd

Please remember, whilst your child is learning remotely, they should follow **their usual structured timetable every day**, accessing the Courses for each of their subjects on the Its Learning Platform, and **returning their work every lesson through Its Learning for feedback from their teachers.**

Pupil's responsibility
Each pupil is responsible for managing their remote learning and should:
- Have use of a device on which to access Its Learning (e.g. computer / laptop/ tablet / smartphone)
- Work on Its Learning from 8:50am – 3.25pm, taking their normal morning and lunchtime breaks
- Follow their usual timetable
- Return their work to their class teachers through the assignment box for each lesson

During any period of Remote Learning, it is essential that all children are provided with a safe online environment with age-appropriate, parental controls set on digital devices and internet filters to block malicious websites where possible. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on.

The following resources can be used to support keeping children safe online:

- [support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#), which outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice

- guidance on [staying safe online](#) which includes information on security and privacy settings

- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online

- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations

- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support

For further help with remote learning, contact us on 01202 872474 or email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Watkins