



# Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## WJS Remote Learning Survey

Firstly, can I thank you for taking the time to complete the WJS Remote Learning Survey. The link below will take you to the summary of this survey. Your feedback to us is invaluable and helps us to make decisions about what else we can offer.

[Link to WJS Remote Learning Survey Summary](#)



4.50 Average Rating

You rated the WJS Remote Learning provision with an average of 4.5 stars

I would also like to say thank you for writing such encouraging comments about the remote learning provision we are offering. This has obviously been a steep learning curve for every member of staff, and to read such wonderful comments and to be able to see that what we do impacts so positively on your children has been tremendously uplifting.

Here are just a few of the comments we received;

- I think the remote learning WJS has provided exceeds all expectations. It brings structure to our day and my child feels part of the school community which is important to us, the positivity of the staff is amazing and it brightens our day. Story time is one of our favourite parts, she always has a big smile on her face. Thank you for being an amazing team, I don't think we could get through this without you all.*
- I'd just like to thank you all for the hard work and dedication it takes to provide the quality of teaching that I am seeing.*
- We can't thank you enough for all the fantastic lesson slides and resources you provide for the online learning. The care, attention and support from WJS staff has always been amazing and during these difficult times you have done everything to keep your standards of care for our children's wellbeing and education high. We would like to thank you all for your continued efforts.*
- The school is providing a fantastic variation of learning to suit all. Great virtual support provided by class teachers. Printed packs available for children that prefer them or are lacking Wi-Fi. Really good and useful feel-good Friday Friday emails. Well done to all the staff.*

A few parents made very well-placed comments on our use of Zoom rather than Google Meet, wondering why one class was using it (Mrs Hitchmough) and others not. I promise that there was method in our madness and I'd like to explain why we went with Zoom this term. The main reason was because all our staff (teachers and LSAs) were really confident with Zoom (all our school meetings were Zoom and of course the obligatory lock-down family quizzes). They were also confident with the other tools that could be used with Zoom to





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deliver their lessons. What the staff had not done before was Live Lessons. Therefore, I wanted them to concentrate on providing the Live Lessons rather than learning about how to use Google Meet and associated tools. Mrs Hitchmough (our technical mastermind) has however trialled it from the beginning of term with a view to her being able to pass her knowledge on to the rest of the teachers. This was always with a view to moving from Zoom to Google Meet. It definitely makes more sense to have our remote learning all under the one umbrella of Google Classrooms and so I thank you for your feedback around this.

I hope you agree that the feedback we have received from you all is really positive and I am so proud of the staff team who have enabled this to happen. At this point I also want to say thank you to YOU. We are under no illusion that without your commitment to getting the children to actually sit down and access the learning, we would not be able to have carried on teaching the children. You have also done this without the “magic teaching dust” that we all receive a bag of when we complete our training!! 😊 So a huge well done to you too.

I'm hopeful that sometime soon, in the not too distant future, we will not need to be using Google Classroom and that instead we will have everybody back in school. In the meantime, we will carry on making the learning for your children as memorable and accessible as possible.

Warm wishes,  
Annie Knoupe  
Headteacher

