

# Warmley Park School and College

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Hi to all our Warmley Parkers,

I can't say enough how much I am missing you all, especially our College students. In normal times, I take my turn on Thursday mornings to welcome all our students into school and college. I look forward to that half hour every week, when all those smiley faces come through the door and it has really hit me how much I miss it! I challenge myself every week to see how many names I can remember as my old brain isn't as good as it used to be! However, I've been making sure I don't forget those happy faces by looking on SeeSaw. It is amazing to see what creative and talented students we have and how they are supported by their fantastic families.

I'm one of the lucky ones in that I am able to come into school and work within our reduced provision. I also get to do some community mentoring for a number of our young people who need that support. However, it does still feel so different and we are all working hard on working towards some sort of normality.

On a personal level, I am exercising lots via Zoom in my garden and supplementing that with a lot of chocolate and cake. I baked my first lemon drizzle cake ever and it wasn't a complete disaster. We'll not talk about the baking attempt when I turned the grill on instead of the oven! Apart from that my main challenge is getting teenagers out of bed – all advice gratefully received!

So to sum up, I miss you all and can't wait to be back in the new normal! Take care and keep safe,  
Marian

Hello

I have been wondering how you all have been getting on with your exercise while you have been away from school? I hear some of you have been doing the Joe Wicks workout, some have been enjoying their daily walk and others have been stretching and using their standing frames. It would be great to see some photos and videos posted on SeeSaw of you all working out. Looking forward to seeing those photos.

Russell

Hello, I hope everyone is well and staying safe. I have been completing reviews from home – which has been lovely, catching up with some parents and staff, it is great to see the fantastic home learning that pupils are completing at home. I hope you parents are looking after yourselves in this very different time and know WP staff are here to support you if needed.

Donna



I have really enjoyed looking at posts sent from Parents of Primary children. Seesaw has been a great way to see what everyone has been doing at home. It has been a good way to stay in touch with pupils. It has been good to catch up with parents through IEP meetings and to find out the best way to support individual students.

I have really missed having the contact with my class and not being able to physically teach them. I can't wait for the day that we might return to some normality and I can be back in class with my students! I hope you are managing to enjoy the lovely weather, the sunshine definitely makes me smile. Stay safe.

Emma



Our staff have been lots of professional development work on home, covering training on a wide range of subjects including Numicon, Multi-Sensory Impairment, Communication, Trauma and Attachment and Intensive Interaction. The staff have been blogging creative ideas on how we can develop our work in these areas to further support our pupils at Warmley Park.

We have recently met with all staff through Microsoft Teams for Class Supervision. One of the best things that staff fed back to me was about how much they are enjoying the interaction with their pupils on Seesaw. It makes their day when they see a comment, a video, or a photo of a happy face on Seesaw, so thank you on behalf of our teachers and support staff for all of your posts 😊

Ellie



Hello everyone, I hope you are all keeping well and managing to enjoy the sunshine. I am really missing seeing all your happy faces, but am loving following your posts on Seesaw. You have been very busy, well done, lots of lovely activities are taking place by you and your families. I have been working hard (as always of course!) from home and have enjoyed celebrating a lockdown birthday with my now teenage daughter. I am doing lots of exercise through Zoom and an online app which I look forward to every day, no I really do!! Working from home isn't so bad but one thing I didn't realise was just how much my dog barks at people during the day, he definitely doesn't like the postman!

Anyway, I really hope you are all enjoying the work that is being sent home by your teachers, keep at it and I look forward to seeing more posts on Seesaw in the coming weeks. Have a lovely half term break, fingers crossed for more of this lovely weather. Take care all.

Alison



You will have received the letter regarding the request for information about whether you would like your child to be considered for provision in school when we commence our phased re-opening. Thank you to those who have already replied. There will be no newsletter as it is half term next week. Please keep safe and well.

Lisa

