



February Half Term

School closes at 3:15pm on Friday 12th February 2021 & reopens on Monday 22nd February 2021 for the children of critical workers, those who are vulnerable and children in nursery. For **all** pupils attending school, the school day will **start at 8:45am and end at 3:15pm**. The school kitchen remains open and you can order lunch as normal.

School Opening Arrangements

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Staff are divided into two teams and children will be taught in one of their year group's classrooms by a teacher from their year group whenever possible.

When arriving in the morning, children will be greeted by a member of staff and can go straight into school through the following entrances:

- **Nursery:** drop off/pick up at the door to Nursery in the Warwick building.
- **Reception:** Mona playground (by the steps that lead up to EYFS)
- **Year 1:** Mona playground (outside the Y1S classroom)
- **Year 2:** Mona playground (by the ramp leading into school)
- **Year 3:** Western playground (via the steps by the trim trail)
- **Year 4:** Western playground (via the steps by the trim trail)
- **Year 5:** Western playground (via the steps by the bike shelter)
- **Year 6:** Western playground (via the steps by the bike shelter)

At the end of the day, children will be brought out to be collected from the same locations.

Parent/Carer Evenings

Due to the continuing situation with coronavirus, we will be holding this spring's parent/carers evenings using video appointments via School Cloud. School Cloud is an online video appointment booking system. It allows you to choose your own appointment times with your child's class teacher/s, after which you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Video appointments for spring parent/carers evenings will be available as follows:

- Tuesday 23rd February 4:00pm – 6:45pm
- Thursday 25th February 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Appointments are limited to 5 minutes to ensure everyone gets an opportunity to talk to the class teacher.

Please visit <https://westways.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book an appointment to meet virtually with your child's class teacher/s – appointments can be made from now up until midday on Tuesday 23rd February.

Please remember...

Do not send your child to school if they, or someone in your household, has symptoms of Covid-19 or is getting a test.

You should not send your child if they have any Covid-19 symptoms as follows:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

If you or your child have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. **Get a test** to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. **Stay at home** and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Safer Internet Day 2021 Resources

We recently celebrated Safer Internet Day 2021 at Westways which had the theme 'Creating an internet we trust'. Each year, this event provides a fantastic opportunity to engage with children about their digital lives.

To help families talk about having a positive and safe time online, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created a pack for parents and carers, including conversation starters, a factsheet, family pledge card and more! To access these resources, please visit the following News item on our website: <https://www.westwaysprimary.co.uk/news/safer-internet-day-2021/>

Weekly Meet Up Sessions

After the February half term holiday, each class will be having their own weekly Meet Up session. These live sessions are designed **for those pupils not in school** to connect with staff and their peers, increasing social engagement. The theme of each Meet Up will be unique to the class; the teacher will announce this each week via the stream function in Google Classroom along with the Google Meet link. To join, all you and your child will need to do is click the link and join the Meet Up session.

Please see below for the weekly Meet Up session time for each class, which will last no more than 30 minutes:

	9:30 ↓ 10:00	10:00 ↓ 10:30	10:30 ↓ 11:00	11:00 ↓ 11:30	11:30 ↓ 12:00	13:00 ↓ 13:30	13:30 ↓ 14:00	14:00 ↓ 14:30
M o n	Ladybirds	Dragonflies	Bees			Y1S	Y1H	Y1M
T u e s	Y2S	Y2T	Y4C	Y4W	Y4F	Y6SB	Y6C	Y6B
W e d			Y5K	Y5W	Y5EH	Y3BG	Y3C	Y3D

It is important that these Meet Up sessions are conducted in a safe manner. For that reason, [click here](#) to view our **remote education guidance for pupils and parents/carers**, which everyone will need to follow when taking part in the Meet Up sessions.

Half Term Activities/Events for Families

We have collated some virtual activities/events that families may wish to engage in over the February half term holiday. Just click the links to find out more about each event.

Sheffield Libraries Half Term Events

Here are some fantastic free online events that Sheffield Libraries will be hosting during February Half Term.

- Bollywood Read, Dance & Chapatti Making with Salma Zaman: Come and join Salma Zaman for a fun filled activity suitable for families and children of all ages based on Salma's book 'Bollywood Princess'. You will need to book on to this event which will be taking place on Thurs 18th February at 2.00pm Click on this link to make your booking: <https://cutt.ly/NjID88x>
- Weird, Wild, and Wonderful! With Poet James Carter: families with children aged 7+ are invited to take part in an online madcap poetry performance and workshop with James Carter taking place on Wednesday 17th February at 2:00pm. To book a place via Eventbrite, use the following link: <https://cutt.ly/ajctCDq>

The National Gallery

Join The National Gallery online for some February half-term fun, including [musical storytelling](#), [art workshops](#) and [family tours](#). Plus, explore the '[Take One Picture](#)' exhibition online

The Sheffield Children's University

The Sheffield Children's University Home Learning Challenges for the February half term are now available! The booklet contains 5 fun, home learning activities, crafts and games for families to enjoy, and collect CU credits for taking part too! Click the following link to view the booklet: <https://bit.ly/SCUFeb2021HomeLearningChallenge>

Conductive Music

[Conductive Music](#) are hosting a half-term event (15th to 19th of February). [Momocuri](#) is an online series of interactive sessions where children will learn how to bring to life their stories, music, and coding ideas for a small cost.

Westways After School Club (WASC)

At WASC we are extremely proud to have been providing after school care for Westways' families for over 20 years and are looking forward to continuing do so in 2021.

We aim to offer every child a place with us, whether it be on a regular or ad-hoc basis. (Same-day short-notice places are also available.)

To register with WASC or if you would like to know more about us, please get in touch.

Our inside and outside environments are fun, comfortable and safe with trained and DBS-checked staff. The children are free to choose activities from a wide range of resources within their class bubbles. There is an efficient and safe transition to WASC for the children who are collected from their classes at the end of the school day, as well as a socially distant collection procedures for whenever you are ready to take your child home.

We are a community-spirited organisation that observes all Government and Ofsted regulations and works closely with Westways School's leadership team and its governors. Many of our parents have found us a vital and flexible resource for managing the challenges of working from home by giving their children an extra opportunity to interact socially with their classmates outside of the school day.

Opening Times

From the end of the school day to up to 5.45pm

Charges per Session

Registration fee – £10 per child one-off payment

Regular users – First Child £8.50 each subsequent child £7.50

Casual users – First Child £9.00, each subsequent child £8.00

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