

Transition to Mobile Learning

A message from our Head of School

Dear Westerly Families,

This past week has been a challenging one for us all. We are undoubtedly in unprecedented times as the COVID-19 pandemic impacts our public health, our businesses, our schools, and our daily lives in every sense. As we said our goodbyes to campus on Friday, I saw uncertainty across many faces as we continue to come to terms with the unfamiliarity that will fill our days for a time to come.

This can be unsettling but it is also very normal - and those of us experiencing these feelings are not unique. I want to take a moment to reassure you that despite our distance from campus, Westerly will remain a close, connected and supportive community.

Most importantly, I urge you to connect with us and others in the Westerly community, not only for assistance in best practices for administering mobilelearning at home and what is working well for other families, but equally as important, for the social and emotional connection we all have come to rely on at Westerly. While we are not all currently sharing our physical space, please know we are still here for support. Our campus will remain open and accessible by appointment, and we will be communicating with you regularly. For those of you who do not regularly visit our social media channels, check our Facebook and Instagram this week for new opportunities to stay connected.

Our faculty and staff will be on campus tomorrow as part of the regularly scheduled in-service day, finishing preparations for our mobile learning launch on Tuesday. If you haven't seen it yet, [this graphic](#) provides helpful tips for engaging in online learning. You will be receiving a detailed email message tomorrow, but I wanted to let you know ahead of time that our school's approach is unique to Westerly, built around the California Association of Independent Schools standards specific to mobile learning, and requires active participation by students. Westerly's goals and practices remain paramount: develop[ing] the whole child through an inquiry-based educational program that balances academic mastery, creative expression, critical thinking, socio-emotional awareness, and physical development.

I thank you all so very much for your adaptability and sharing our commitment to all our students' educational continuity. I wish you all health, a sense of calm and peace knowing you are surrounded by friends, families, teachers, and a whole community leaning in together.

In partnership,



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