

# Weston's School from Home

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# Ethic of Care

We are going through a time of crisis. Students, families, and educators are hurting, and it seems like things are going to get worse before they get better. This School from Home program is not typical homeschooling, nor is it online education or distance learning. Rather, School from Home could be renamed as “School When We’re At Home in a Crisis.”

With regular school, we consider a lot of ethical guidelines when making decisions: care, learning, justice, equity, freedom/autonomy. When we are in crisis, the Ethic of Care supersedes all others when we make decisions.

This Ethic of Care -- care for ourselves, care for others, care for our community -- is the basis for why we are making important School from Home adjustments and improvements.

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# Weston's School from Home: Points of Emphasis

- The social-emotional safety, mental health, and overall well-being of students, families, and staff is our priority at this time
- We will be scaling back work expectations, particularly for our youngest students
- We aim to offer students choice, agency, easy access to the curriculum, and optional challenge opportunities

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# Weston's School from Home: Points of Emphasis

- We are prioritizing our most vulnerable learners: accommodating students, modifying lessons, and adjusting expectations to fit individual needs
- We are doing the best we can to provide specialized instruction and interventions for students who need it
- We are following up with and helping students who are disengaged from School from Home

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## Weston's School from Home: Points of Emphasis

- We are ramping up facetime and video conferencing so that we can better connect with students
- We are safeguarding our online technologies to protect privacy and maintain appropriate content and interaction
- We are continually making adjustments based on feedback to enhance the remote learning experience

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# Weston's School from Home: Points of Emphasis

- We are striving to give consistent curriculum and instruction across classrooms in each grade level and subject area
- We are developing weekly elementary schedules: not every subject will be taught everyday
- Grade level, job-alike, and subject teams are meeting regularly and collaborating closely

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# Weston's School from Home: Points of Emphasis

- We are communicating extensively at all levels with students and families
- We are striving to emphasize community connection, joy in learning, and just plain fun
- When making day-to-day professional decisions, all of us are using care as the guideline: How can we best care for students, families, and ourselves?

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