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Langtoft Primary School

School Closure – Update #12

Thursday 11 June 2020

‘Be smart! 2 metres apart.’

This update outlines the plans for week beginning 15 June 2020.

IMPORTANT: CHANGES TO PARENTMAIL

In recent weeks, we have become aware of aspects of *ParentMail* that do not work for us in the way that we want them to. In order to sharpen our control over the system, we are introducing a small but significant change from Monday 15 June 2020.

Communication that we consider to be sensitive will be sent to ‘Primary Contact’ only. In the majority of cases, this will be to one parent. Where your *ParentMail* account has not been set up with a ‘Primary Contact’, an email address from your account has been assigned as the ‘Primary Contact’ for you. Sensitive communication for us is anything that requires consent, a payment or is specific to an individual.

On Monday 15 June, we shall be sending a *ParentMail* message **to the ‘Primary Contact’ only**. The message will be to do with contact with your child’s teacher and returning/collecting books – see further on in this Update for information about this. It is really important that you check on Monday afternoon where the ‘Primary Contact’ message has been delivered to.

Once you have received the message on Monday afternoon, you may want to change the ‘Primary Contact’. To do this, you will need to email the school before Friday 19 June 2020 at enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk stating your child’s name, your name and relationship to them, which email address the Monday afternoon message went to (so that we can check who you are) and the email address you wish to be used as the ‘Primary Contact’.

Please note, we are only using one ‘Primary Contact’ going forwards. We understand that parents may not live in the same household. In these cases, it will be necessary for you to decide if you are happy with the ‘Primary Contact’ as it is set up or whether you want it to be changed. Please see above for how you would let us know about changing it.

Communication of a general nature – typically Newsletters and Updates such as this – will be sent to all of the accounts you listed when you first signed up for *ParentMail* – including the ‘Primary Contact’. Such communication is in the public domain as it uploaded on to our school website. This means that parents that are separated will still continue to be informed and involved in the life of the school.

SCHOOLS NOT TO WELCOME BACK ALL YEARS BEFORE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

With the disappointing news that primary schools are not to extend the reopening to include Y2 to Y5, we await further guidance as to what schools should do to prepare for a September start. You will hear the announcement about this at the same time as us. We shall work with the guidance to make it work for the Langtoft Primary School community.

Of course, with School not reopening until September at the earliest, there are many children and their families who will continue to learn at home using the suggestions sent each Friday. We appreciate that this is not an ideal situation and that some families are beginning to find it difficult to motivate their children to learn at home. With this in mind we would like to offer....

TELEPHONE CATCH-UP WITH THE TEACHER

On Monday afternoon, the 'Primary Contact' on *ParentMail* will receive a notification that there is a form waiting for them. Use the form to request a telephone conversation with your child's class teacher about specific queries you have relating to learning. The opportunity to talk to the teacher is optional. The conversation will last about five minutes and will take place after lunch or after the school day: this will depend on the teacher's work commitment that day as many teachers are now teaching or supervising 'bubbles' in year groups other than their own. We hope to be able to speak with your child during the same call. Depending on demand, we may be able to offer the opportunity to talk to your child's teacher once a fortnight. This optional telephone service does not replace the invitation to email the school with queries as before. We have invited you to do this since the first week of school closure. See the **NEED HELP?** section below.

WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR CHILD'S EXERCISE BOOKS?

Also included in the form sent to 'Primary Contact' on Monday, will be the option to collect your child's exercise books from this school year. Simply tick 'yes' in the form. We will then arrange a time for these to be collected. If you tick 'no' then the books will be recycled. Children attending school in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 will be able to bring their exercise books home at the end of Term 6.

PLEASE RETURN SCHOOL READING BOOKS AND HOME SCHOOL RECORD

To help us to stock take for September, we are asking that all children from all year groups return the reading books they were given before the school closed on 20 March – plus any others at home that are property of Langtoft Primary School! (Children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 who have returned to school have already returned their reading books. Thank you!) We also need the *Home School Record* book returning.

From Monday 15 June, there will be boxes at the main school gate for you to drop-off reading books and *Home School Records*. Please place the books and records in an old envelope or in a sealed bag and **write your child's name on the envelope/bag** so that we know who has returned them. **Please do this by Friday 19 June 2020**. Unless you are attending school, we ask that you avoid dropping off books and records at the start or at the end of the school day when the area outside the school gate is busy. Thank you for your help.

SPORTING SUCCESS RECOGNISED

Due to the many children who have participated in the Virtual School Games Primary Challenges each fortnight, our school has been recognised by our regions School Games Organiser, Mr Gibson. Mr Gibson has presented our school with a virtual certificate (right).

This week, children who have participated in any of the Challenges will receive a 'real' certificate to recognise their participation.

Thank you to all the families who have supported their children to take part.

Good luck to those children representing our school in the Virtual Finals on 1 July.



The information below is unchanged from last week:

NEED HELP?

If you are struggling with supporting your child with a particular area of learning (and 'google' hasn't provided the answer!), please be reminded that you can ask for help by emailing me at enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk State your child's name, year group and outline your problem. I can then forward this to your child's teacher/s who will be happy to help where they can. Please expect a reply in about two days.

KEEPING SAFE

With online activity likely to have increased during the lockdown, now is probably a good time to have another chat with your children about how they keep themselves safe online. I have updated our eSafety page on the school website.