



Langtoft Primary School

School Closure – Update #13

Thursday 18 June 2020

‘Be smart! 2 metres apart.’

This update outlines the plans for week beginning 22 June 2020.

REMINDER: DEADLINE TOMORROW

Friday 19 June is the deadline for duty bearers to:

1. return to school reading books issued to children before the school closed in March and their child's *Home School Record*. Thank you to those families who have already returned their copies. We still have a couple of hundred of books missing though...
2. respond to the Form on *ParentMail* to request a telephone catch-up with your child's teacher/s and to request your children's exercise books. The Form closes at 12 noon tomorrow. If there is no response for your child we shall assume that you do not wish to speak with the teacher and that we can go ahead and recycle your child's exercise books.

Once the Form has closed, we shall begin to finalise a timetable for calls and for the collection of books. We shall communicate this to you in due course.

3. The *ParentMail* message was sent on the afternoon of Monday 15 June to the Primary Contact only as a means of checking the Primary Contact system works. Again, you have until tomorrow to inform Mrs Greenham in the office via enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk Please state 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'.

ANNUAL ACADEMIC REPORTS TO PARENTS

It remains a legal requirement that headteachers arrange for those with parental responsibility to receive a written annual report on their child's attainment at the end of the academic year. Class teachers are currently writing these in readiness for them to be sent to you in July. The Report will be sent via *ParentMail* as a PDF to the Primary Contact only (hence the need to get the Primary Contact right this week) and to parents who do not live at the same address as their child – again via *ParentMail*.

The Report will be similar in format to previous years as far as is possible. Attainment will be a prediction based on your child's achievements as of March 2020. It will not include information on statutory assessments in EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y6 as these were cancelled this year by the *Department for Education*.

There will be an opportunity to discuss the content of the Report with your child's teacher/s – another legal requirement – once you have received it in July.

REVISION OF EXPECTATIONS OF SEESAW

It is necessary to revise the expectations you may have as parents of how Seesaw is used during the school closure period. To clarify:

- Seesaw should not be used as a means of messaging your child's class teacher. It was never intended for this. If you wish to contact your child's teacher/s, you should send an email to the school. See the **NEED HELP?** section below and/or request a telephone catch up via the Form on ParentMail. Teachers have been instructed not to respond to messages sent by parents via Seesaw.
- There will be two comments per week per child and the comments will be a couple of sentences in length.
- Focus on posting achievements in learning. Encourage children to be selective in the posts they share.
- Maths work will not be marked on Seesaw. Answers are now provided for all classes, where relevant. They are sent with the suggestions for home learning on Fridays.
- Activities and sheets should be ready to access the day before they are needed.

All class teachers are aware of the revisions and should be working to the expectations.

JACK RUNS FOR DEEPING RANGERS

Jack in Y6 and his family (pictured) have been busy during lockdown. Jack's mum writes:

I hope you and the staff are all keeping well. Just thought I would let you know Jack took part in a sponsored 5K run at the weekend. This was done to raise funds for his football team (Deeping Rangers U12's). So far they have raised £275.00 which is a great achievement.

We agree! Thank you for sharing this news.

Do let us know what your child is achieving out of school. We do like to receive good news like this.



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.