



Langtoft Primary School

School Closure – Update #15

Thursday 3 July 2020

'Be smart! At least 1 metre apart.'

This update outlines the plans for week beginning 6 July 2020.

COLLECTING EXERCISE BOOKS

If you ticked 'Yes' to collecting your child's exercise books, here are the arrangements for collection:

- Children attending school in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 – books will be sent home at end of this term. Simple.
- The brothers and sisters of children attending school in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 – books will come home with their sibling on Tuesday 7 July. This will save you a journey.
- Children who are in the Critical Worker 'bubble' will bring their books home at the end of one of their days in school.
- Parents of children who receive an Essentials Food Box from *The Farm Kitchen* on Tuesdays can collect books at the same time as they collect the food box to save them a journey.
- **SEND CHILD IN WITH A CARRIER BAG:** THERE ARE A LOT OF BOOKS.

Everyone else:

Surname of child starts with...	Collection Day and Time
A to F	Tuesday 7 July between 1:30pm and 2:30pm
G to M	Wednesday 8 July between 1:30pm and 2:30pm
N to S	Thursday 9 July between 1:30pm and 2:30pm
T to Z	Friday 10 July between 1:30pm and 2:30pm

- One adult only to collect the books, please. You may send another adult/parent in your place.
- Enter through **Gate #1 IN** and leave through **Gate #2 OUT**. If there are many other adults collecting at the same time, we will control the number of adults on the school site to help with social distancing.

EYFS, Y1 AND Y6: INCREASE IN SIZE OF 'BUBBLES'

Yesterday, parents of children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 received an invitation for their child to return to school for the last weeks of Term 6. This opportunity has come about following the government's reduction of social distancing measures from 2m to at least 1m from 4 July and the *Department for Education's* insistence that '2 metres apart' was never a rule in schools anyway... Parents intending to return their child have until tomorrow, **Friday 3 July at 12:00 noon** to inform

the school. Please see the ParentMail message sent yesterday at 13:00. The school remains closed to Y2 to Y5.

SCHOOL SHUT TO ALL OVER SUMMER

With this announcement from the *Department for Education* on Monday 30 June:

The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest.

Please be advised that our school will not be open to any children from Wednesday 22 July 2020 to Wednesday 2 September. Our first day of term will be Thursday 3 September 2020 – unless we are advised otherwise.

PLAYZONE OPEN?

With the news that the school is to be closed to all children during the summer holidays, I have been asked by PlayZone to survey you to see if there is sufficient demand for PlayZone to open during the summer holidays to provide childcare. The survey will go out as a Form on ParentMail on Monday 6 July.

MUSIC LESSONS

Firstly, an apology that the Form for *Crazy For Music* closed very quickly. Secondly, a reminder that the Form will close tomorrow, **Friday 3 July at 9:00am**.

The private lessons offered by *Crazy For Music* are different to the ones offered by the *Music for Schools Foundation* (woodwind and brass) at a presentation to interested parents and children in February.

The information below is unchanged from last week:

DIFFICULT TIMES

The restrictions placed on some parents'/carers' ability to return to work, the furlough scheme or, sadly, redundancy may mean that some families in our school community have experienced or are still experiencing difficult financial times. There is a grant available called *Pupil Premium* which the government gives directly to schools. The grant supports the children of families who find themselves struggling financially. The grant allows schools to buy additional resources and teaching assistants to support learning. It can be used to pay for school visits or uniform – things that help out families who are finding things tight. If you have needed to claim income-based benefits recently – before lockdown or during – it is a good idea for you to apply for the grant. This can be done online at:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

The link will take you to the Lincolnshire County Council Parent Portal. You will need to create an account (don't let this put you off) by clicking in the top left corner:

You will then be applying for a free school meal. This is confusing for parents/carers as children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 can already have a school dinner for free. The *Pupil Premium* grant gives so much more than free school meals but that is how it is described. If you do not get on with the link and you think your child is entitled, please contact the school office: everyone there will be happy to help.

TERM DATES FOR 2021/2022

The term dates for the school year September 2021 to July 2022 are now on our website, at the bottom of the *For Parents* tab. The dates for our school's term may differ from other local schools, especially secondary schools, so please bear that in mind when booking family holidays.

ANNUAL ACADEMIC REPORT

To confirm, in July your child's Annual Academic Report will be sent to your ParentMail Primary Account. Every child's account has a Primary Account holder – and if your child's didn't, we gave them one. We tested this out a couple of weeks ago when we sent out a message on 15 June at 12:07 about telephone catch-ups and exercise books. (This was a different email to the automated one that ParentMail sends to let you know that you have a form waiting to be completed. That caused some confusion.) If you have not already checked that you are happy with the account nominated as your Primary Account, please do so and let Mrs Greenham know if you have a problem before it's too late!

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.