



Langtoft Primary School

School Closure – Update #16

Thursday 10 July 2020

'Be smart! At least 1 metre apart.'

This update outlines the plans for week beginning 13 July 2020.

ANNUAL PERMISSION FORM

The Annual Permission Form that we traditionally send out at the start of a new school year will now be sent as a Form on ParentMail. These will go 'live' tomorrow and you will have one week to complete them.

The Form collects consent for various school-based activities in one go and saves you filling in endless forms throughout the year. And it saves paper, too.

ARE YOU ACCEPTING GIFTS?

We have been asked if we are accepting gifts for teachers this year. It is extremely kind of you to ask. It is always lovely to receive gifts and cards from parents as a token of their appreciation. Having given it some consideration, I am happy for gifts to be delivered to the school gate (just press the buzzer) to be collected. I ask that this is done before Friday 17 July to give time for the gifts/cards to be 'isolated' for 72 hours before staff collect them at the end of term on Tuesday 21 July. Without appearing rude, I ask that food items are shop-sealed rather than homemade (even though they are not as personal). Thank you for thinking of us.

REALLY IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

1. DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING CHILDREN

I am concerned about the 'social gathering' that is beginning to take place outside the school gates at the start and end of the school day. To prevent this from happening, our Return Plan gave each 'bubble' a designated time slot, at least five minutes apart from one another. It takes two minutes to enter the site, drop-off or collect a child and exit the site. This means that there should not be an overlap of 'bubbles'.

I reminded you of the timings for each 'bubble':

'Bubble'	Enter through gate:	Drop off	Pick up
Bytheway	#1	09:00	15:00
Hudson	#1	09:05	15:05
Ellis	#1	08:55	15:10
Wells	Y6/PlayZone	08:50	15:10
Dolby	Y6/PlayZone	09:00	15:15

- Please do not arrive before your designated time slot.
- Please keep to a minimum the number of additional persons you bring with you on to the school site. I would advise that school-aged children are asked to wait by Gate #2 rather than enter the site.
- Please exit the site immediately and not linger to chatter.

I am afraid that unless more consideration is shown for these requests, I will not allow parents to enter the site. I thank you for your help with this: it is a request that aims to keep the school site a safe place to be and one which sets a good example to the children.

2. BRINGING ITEMS TO SCHOOL AND HOME AGAIN

The only items that each child should bring to school each day are:

- coat,
- lunch (in a paper bag or carrier bag or in a tote bag (that is washed every day)),
- drink bottles.

Ideally, bottles/cartons are disposed of each day rather than refilled during the day. This is so that the amount of plastic hanging around in school is minimised as the virus lives on plastic for up to 72 hours. Our refuse is recycled by the local council.

I am aware of the environmental impact of not reusing carrier bags and so am happy that the bag is folded up and put in your child's coat pocket and brought home each day. The bag should then be left for 72 hours before it is used again. Three carrier bags on rotation get round this.

Children do not and **should not bring a rucksack, book bag or any other items from home** in to school with them. (Girls in Y6 may need to bring in sanitary items. We advise a 'pencil case' that can be kept in their tray or pocket.)

3. UNIFORM

Freshly laundered uniform should be worn each day. We appreciate that you may not have multiple items of uniform at this end of term so be creative and send your child in a navy blue sweatshirt one day, if necessary. Parents of Y6 are reminded of a separate email regarding leavers' hoodies.

Thank you for your help with these points. They are not included here to 'point the finger' at anyone but to remind everyone of the simple steps we can all take to minimise the risk to the whole school community.

REMINDER: 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 from 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.
- **BRING A 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
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN TO COLLECT BOOKS, WE WILL KEEP THEM UNTIL TUESDAY 14 JULY ONLY. THEY WILL THEN BE RECYCLED ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY.	

- One adult only to collect the books, please. You may send another adult/parent in your place.
- Enter through **Gate #1 IN**. 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.

The information below is unchanged from last week:

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 close on Tuesday 21 July. It 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. The Form closes tomorrow, **Friday 10 July at 12 noon**.

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:



[Sign In or Create Account](#)

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.