



Langtoft Primary School

School Closure – Update #2

Thursday 26 March 2020

The message is simple: **Stay at home. Save lives.**

This update outlines the plans for the week beginning 30 March 2020.

1. THE SCHOOL REMAINS CLOSED*

To limit the chance of the virus spreading, the government has asked parents to keep their children at home and has asked schools to **remain open* only for those children who absolutely need to attend** because i) their parents' work is critical to the COVID-19 response ii) they are vulnerable children.

For those children only, the school will open from 0855 to 1515. Children should bring their own food and drink. There will not be any after-school clubs. PlayZone Kids Club is closed.

Children showing signs of symptoms and those children living in a household with others showing signs of symptoms should not attend, even if their parents are critical workers or they are vulnerable.

The school is closed to all other children.

I am currently working on arrangements for keeping the school open during the Easter holiday.

2. INFORMING THE SCHOOL THAT YOU NEED CHILDCARE

The last few days have taught us that day by day the situation is changing and that we need to respond to it quickly and safely. Therefore, I shall **NOT** be sending out a form on ParentMail today for parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response to 'sign up' for sessions. If you need to use the school for childcare because you are worker critical to the COVID-19 response and you have no other option, you must now email me using the school's email address: enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk, stating:

- i) your child/ren's names
- ii) which sessions you require (morning and/or afternoon) on which days
- iii) the nature of your critical work

Please send your email **before and no later than 11:30 a.m. the day before** you need the school to be open for your child. For example, if you need to work on Thursday, you must have emailed by 11:30 a.m. of the morning of Wednesday. If you know in advance what your work pattern will be then please let me know for the week ahead. That will help me to plan.

If parents do not need childcare for their critical work, I will inform the local authority and the Department for Education that Langtoft Primary School is closed to all.

3. STOP PAYING

Do **NOT** pay for any forthcoming visits, for milk or for music lessons. Refunds will be issued in due course or lessons credited.

4. SCHOOL WORK

On Friday 27 March, I will be sending via ParentMail the work set by class teachers for your child to complete at home.

- ✚ Mathematics learning will be via MyMaths for pupils in Y1 to Y6. A reminder that the school username is: **langtoft** (all lower case) and password is: **square271**. You will need this the first time you log on.

Parents of children in Y1 who were absent at the end of last week will need to email the school for their child's personal log on details.

5. STAY CONNECTED

I have been using ParentMail to keep you up-to-date. I shall continue with this method. The school website will be updated weekly: it will only contain information you have already been sent on ParentMail.

I shall be in school every day (unless I am isolated) so will be able to answer calls. Email is the best way to contact me because I can reply from home as well as school. All I ask is that you don't expect a reply after 9:00pm or before 8:30am. I need my beauty sleep.

We shall telephone twice a week those families identified as vulnerable to 'check in' with them.

6. THANK YOU

I wish to thank you for sending in words of encouragement and praise. I've had to be firm with some of you in the name of keeping all of us safe. I really hope that you know I was doing that in the best interests of everyone of us in the Langtoft Primary School community.

I wish to thank the staff who have been so flexible and agreeable in my requests for them to attend work in order to keep the school open, safe and clean for the children of those critical workers amongst you.

Finally, I thank all those critical workers out there who are doing a job that many of us would not be able to do even if we wanted to. Please look after yourselves.