



# Langtoft Primary School

## School Closure – Update #4

Friday 29 January 2021



### 8 MARCH DATE FOR YOUR DIARY?

8 March is the earliest date that schools will reopen to all children according to an announcement this week. School leaders find out at the same time as everyone else so please keep your eye on the news. We are told that we will be given two weeks' notice when schools are to reopen. As always, I will keep you informed via ParentMail and the school website.

### REMOTE LEARNING THE STORY CONTINUES...

The '8 March' news means that remote learning will continue for at least four more school weeks. We are happy to help and support all that we can. Just send an email to [enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk) or call us on 01778 343419. We have been able to answer most questions the same day. Please do not use Seesaw to send messages to your child's class teacher. Sometimes, all that is needed is a listening ear at the end of the telephone. We can do that, as well.

### REMOTE LEARNING FEEDBACK FROM TEACHERS

I would like to clarify the expectations for feedback the children receive as part of remote learning. The *Department for Education* specifies precise feedback once a week. We have always given more than that – mainly because class teachers find it impossible not to!

From next week, writing in KS2 will receive precise feedback for improvement once a week. It is an expectation that children in Y3 to Y6 will repeat some or all of the writing – just as they would if they were in school – to show they have responded to the feedback. We accept that this may be difficult for some children and so encourage them to do their best. In KS1, where there are more writing tasks but less writing to read, teachers will continue to give feedback of encouragement little and often.

Feedback for mathematics will be given when there is a misconception or where work has been completed carelessly.

All other activities that are uploaded will continue to be 'approved', 'liked' and sometimes given a brief comment or emoji.

### CURRICULUM KEEPING IT BROAD AND BALANCED

Determined to continue to provide a broad and balance curriculum to everyone, we draw your attention to two subjects areas; music and P.E.



## **YUMU MUSIC LESSONS**

We want to continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum during lockdown. This is why we have provided every child with a unique code to access YUMU. (The codes were sent out on Monday via ParentMail.) This video shows you what to do: <https://assets.charanga.com/help-videos/yumu/yumu-for-parents.mp4>

Mrs Britten, our Curriculum Leader for Music, writes:

*YUMU is a safe, online space where children can learn, play and develop their musicianship. Each class has been assigned a YUMU package that will be familiar, fun and engaging for the children to use. As they work through the range of independent listening and practical activities the children will receive coins to reward their progress. The package is designed to be child-friendly and enables individuals to work through the activities at their own pace.*

*In addition to this, those who play or have their own instruments will be able to access Charanga Music World. Here you can earn badges and coins as well as create your own unique avatar. Charanga Music World allows young musicians the opportunity to continue learning at home with tutorials, activities and theory sessions.*

Some families experienced log-in difficulties: let us know if you are having trouble accessing YUMU and we will try to help.



## **P.E. NEW CHALLENGES AND COMPETITIONS**

We all know the importance of physical activity, especially when we are bound to our desks and laptops for large parts of the day. Mrs Graves, our Curriculum Leader for P.E. writes:

*We have been given details of an exciting sporting competition to take part in while at home to get you out of the house, doing some exercise and enjoying some fresh air!*

### **• WALK TO 5K CHALLENGE (ALL YEAR GROUPS)**

The competition requires you to pick the challenge that is right for you whether it be a 45-minute walk with your family or a 1, 3 or 5k walk or run. For full details, please watch the video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzLF9mLXIVY&feature=youtu.be>

1. Once you have completed your challenge, use the recording sheet attached to this Update to keep a track of every attempt.
2. The competition is running until the end of March. When you have completed enough activities and recorded them on your recording sheet, collate the information and transfer it onto your results sheet.
3. Email the results sheet to tell Rupert Gibson, our School Games Organiser, at [aqilitassports@gmail.com](mailto:aqilitassports@gmail.com)
4. You will receive participation and School Games Values e-certificate plus the chance to win bigger prizes!

### **• GYMNASTICS (KS2 ONLY)**

For this competition, create a short (less than 90 seconds) sequence containing 6 elements. You can incorporate music if you wish. For more information and ideas, watch: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6\\_a\\_6KFZCA&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6_a_6KFZCA&feature=youtu.be)



1. Your sequence must include 1 balance, 1 jump and 1 roll from the list attached to this Update.
2. Send Rupert Gibson, our School Games Organiser, a copy of your score card via email to [agilitassports@gmail.com](mailto:agilitassports@gmail.com) by 10 February. Please also let school know that you have entered so that we can keep a record of who has entered.

## JOB VACANCY SEND TEACHING ASSISTANT

We have a vacancy for the position of a SEND Teaching Assistant. The post is permanent and part-time (15 hours per week, three hours each morning). Please visit the Vacancies page under the About Us tab on our website for details.

## RECORDING READING 'HOW TO'

We are asking that once a week each child uploads a recording of them reading a couple of pages from their school reading book. Thank you to those who are already in the habit. We ask that recordings are taken from above the child's head so that we can see their finger moving across the text – otherwise, we have no idea if the child is reading accurately or not! Sitting at a table will help to keep the book still, too.



## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL

The *Department for Education* has announced that **schools will be closed to all children, even those of Critical Workers and those that are considered vulnerable, during the February half-term** (Monday 15 to Friday 19 February). Our school will re-open for these children only on Monday 22 February. You will have needed to have requested a place for your child by using the form on ParentMail from Thursday 18 February and by 12 noon on Friday 19 February.

## ADVANCE WARNING LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING FOR STAFF

Staff who are in school are carrying out a test for COVID-19 using a lateral flow device (LFD). The device indicates if an asymptomatic adult is carrying the virus. Testing is being carried out on Sunday evening and Wednesday evenings. Staff are reporting the test result to me by 8:00pm that day.

Whilst this is great news in the step towards breaking the chain of transmission, it does mean that at very short notice it may be necessary to close a 'bubble' whilst the adult has a PCR test. As always, I will communicate this via ParentMail so please get in to the habit of checking your ParentMail inbox each Sunday evening and each Wednesday evening just in case. Obviously, no news is good news.

**THE INFORMATION BELOW HAS NOT CHANGED FROM LAST WEEK**

## **REPORTING TEST RESULTS FOR COVID-19**

If your child is NOT attending school at the moment i.e. during lockdown, you do not need to inform the school if your child's test result is positive. This is because your child is not mixing with anyone in our school community and so it is not considered 'school business'.

If your child is attending school (because they fall in to the vulnerable group or because you are a Critical Worker), you **must keep your child at home if they or anyone else in your household has symptoms**. You **must inform the school of a positive test result** so that we can inform others who have been in close contact.