



Langtoft Primary School

School Closure – Update #6

Friday 12 February 2021



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 11 February and by 12 noon on Friday 19 February.

PACKED LUNCH FREE TO KS1 AND EYFS

If your child is in EYFS or KS1 and attending school at the moment, please remember that a packed lunch is available free of charge under the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme. All you have to do is pre-order via The Farm Kitchen's website by Tuesday of the previous week. Even if your child attends for mornings only, a packed lunch can be delivered for them to take home.

I mention this because we are charged £5 per day for delivery if orders of packed lunches are below ten. That's £25 per week. £150 per term. That's a lot of reading books, paper, pencils, glue sticks, printer cartridges!

F.O.L.S. VIRTUAL BINGO NIGHT NICE TO SEE YOU

It was great to be able to see so many children who we haven't seen in school for ages at last night's Virtual Bingo Night. We have received great comments. We are pleased you enjoyed it.

We must thank the F.O.L.S. committee for organising it, to Mrs Nickson for adjudicating and Parent Governor, Mr Upward for organising the Zoom meetings.

REMOTE LEARNING WELL DONE

We say well done to **EVERYONE** involved in remote learning this term. We acknowledge that it has not been easy. I am pleased that we have been able to help and support those families that have reached out to us. Please do not struggle on in silence.

Well done to:

- **Mums and Dads** for juggling your own work to accommodate school work,
- **Teaching Assistants** for delivering learning in school in the first five weeks of Term 3 so that teachers could focus on Seesaw,

- **Teachers** for making *Tapestry* and *Seesaw* work as best they can to deliver remote education,
- **the children** for their efforts at home. There has been some superb work.

REMOTE LEARNING DIFFERENT APPROACH

First the first two weeks of Term 4, the way that teachers present learning on Seesaw in Y1 to Y6 for reading, writing and mathematics will look different.

We are going to try shorter activities that are straight forward yet which revise the core skills in those subjects; spelling, grammar, punctuation, calculation, recall of multiplication and division facts, handwriting, reading, descriptive writing.

We are doing this to see if we can engage those children that do not attempt the longer writing activities. The tasks will not take as long to complete but there will be more of them so will still provide, on average, two hours of learning. There will still be topic-related learning to make up the hours of learning along with a daily message.

REMOTE LEARNING SUPERSTARS OF THE DAY

We reintroduced *Superstar* certificates this week to reward great remote learning as well as trying to inspire reluctant remote learners.

This week's Superstars of the Day have been:

EYFS	Ellie, Ava, Rory, Aurora, Ryan, Isabelle, Grace, Reyah, Freddie, Sophie, Charlie, Joshua, Robyn, Nelly, Ralph, Rico, Tristan, Isabella , Elyssa, Oliver, Lily and Alfie
Y1	Pippa, Jude, Millie, Zachary, James, Sophie and Teddy
Y2	Theia, Ava, Sebastian, Esme , Jake, George, Harrison, Emily, Jack and Sophia
Y3	Astrid, Lily, Charley, Pearl and Daniel
Y4	Bella, Eliza-Petal, Jack, Ruby, Saffron, William, Huey, Olivia and Amelia
Y5	Aydan, Charlie, Eva, , Freya, Maisie, Noah, Oliver, Jack, Herbie, James, Arabella, Archie, Toby and Evie
Y6	George, Bethany, Lucy, Max and Dominic

THE INFORMATION BELOW HAS NOT CHANGED FROM LAST WEEK

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.

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.