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# Langtoft Primary School

## School Closure – Update #7

### Thursday 7 May 2020

**Stay home. Protect the NHS. Save lives.**

**This update outlines the plans for week beginning 11 May 2020.**

**Next update due on Thursday 14 May 2020.**

## 'SCHOOLS TO REOPEN'

According to the media, schools are going to reopen on 1 June 2020...

Like you, we are waiting for Sunday's press conference when the Prime Minister is due to share his 'roadmap for reopening'. We do know from the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, that any reopening of schools will be phased i.e. not all year groups will return at the same time.

Whatever the announcement is, the governing body and I will respond strategically and with the best interests of the children, their families and staff at the centre of our decisions. As always, our plans will be shared with you via ParentMail.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

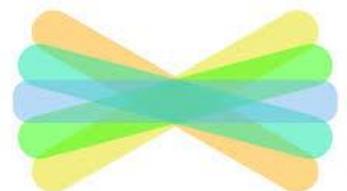
Seesaw has now been rolled out in all years from Y1 to Y6 with *Tapestry* still there for EYFS as a way for children and their parents to share their learning experiences with teachers. You can still email or telephone the school as before. Please do not message teachers via social media.

Via ParentMail, we are sending out the *Monday Morning Message* from each teacher, the *School Closure Update* each Thursday and suggestions for home learning on Fridays. Any additional 'news' is sent via ParentMail too so it is important that you 'check your mail' regularly.

**...and on Friday 8 May at 2:45pm, there will be an extra special message via ParentMail.**

## SEESAW

We hope that you are enjoying using Seesaw. From the number of posts teachers are receiving, it is proving to be popular. Almost every child in Y1 to Y6 now has an account. If you missed the deadline or have changed your mind and now would like your child to have an account, please email me at [enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk) I am commenting on as many accounts as I can get through. As we have the 'trial' version of Seesaw, I am logged on as Mrs Britten for every year group but am easy to spot as I start my comment with 'MR MCCULLOUGH ADDS:...'



It is important that we manage the security of your child's account and that we manage expectation of what Seesaw will provide. To achieve this, I sent a 'Using Seesaw at home safely...' guide on Monday morning. I would like to highlight some points from that:

### CAN I SHARE THE QR CODE FOR THE SEESAW CLASS APP?

**No.** The QR code/access code is the key to your child's portfolio. Please do not photograph or share the code on social media. This will compromise the safety of your child. It will also result in your child being removed from the class list. Whilst they cannot view other children's posts, the QR/access code must be treated as 'private'.

### CAN I COMMENT ON MY CHILD'S POSTS?

**Yes.** On all posts, you can comment using the small speech bubble icon. All comments that you post are reviewed by the class teacher/s before appearing on your child's journal. Comments should be relevant to the learning in the post. Please do not use Seesaw as a messaging service.

### HOW OFTEN WILL MY CHILD'S TEACHER COMMENT?

You can expect a comment on the learning to be left by your child's teacher/s at least twice a week.

Please be respectful that Seesaw has not been introduced as a means to message your child's teacher/s. If you need to contact your child's teacher/s, please do so in the usual way by sending an email or by telephoning the school. See **NEED HELP?** section below.

## PATTEN FAMILY RUN FOR THORPE HALL

With the annual *Langtoft Fun Run* cancelled this year, Noah and Niamh Patten (and their mum and dad) ran their own Fun Run in aid of Thorpe Hall. So far they have raised £255. What a great result! Well done, the Pattens!



**The information below is unchanged from last week:**

### 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](mailto: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.

### THE SCHOOL CONTINUES TO BE 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 with an Education and Health Care Plan and/or a Social Worker. This message has now gotten through as we only have a very small number of children who need to access the school's childcare offer. This is only possible because staff are prepared to come to school and so I thank them most sincerely.

## INFORMING THE SCHOOL THAT YOU NEED CHILDCARE

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 email me using the school's email address: [enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk](mailto: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 close the school that day.