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Langtoft Primary School

School Closure – Update #9

Thursday 21 May 2020

Stay alert. Control the virus. Save lives.

This update outlines the plans for week beginning 25 May 2020.

Next update due on Thursday 28 May 2020.

OUR SCHOOL'S 'RETURN PLAN'

The governing body have approved a 'Return Plan' for our school which will see it reopen for children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 whilst maintaining and prioritising childcare for vulnerable children and children of Critical Workers. The Plan will be sent later this morning to parents with children with a Social Worker, with an existing Education Health Care Plan and a child in EYFS, Y1 and Y6. It will also be sent to those families who have been, as Critical Workers, accessing childcare during the closure. (I appreciate that this group may grow but at the time of writing I do not know who that will be. Parents who are Critical Workers should read the [Parents who are Critical Workers](#) sections below.)

The Return Plan presents to those parents it concerns the different combinations of groupings of children and adults (referred to as 'bubbles') that the school can accommodate whilst adhering to *Department for Education* guidance and working within the space and with the staff available to minimise the risk of spreading the virus.

The Return Plan comes in two parts: Part A and Part B. Part A is what a parent needs to know to be able to make an informed decision. Part B is more of a risk assessment and provides the detail that some parents may wish to have. **Please note:** the Plan is not claiming that there is no risk. It states how the school will operate to minimise risk with existing guidelines. It is also subject to change at short notice.

The parents concerned are asked to read the Plan closely and then make a decision about their child's return before **12 noon on Tuesday 26 May 2020** and confirm this via a form on ParentMail that will go live this afternoon. A 'yes' or 'no' response is required. Once the form closes, I shall then work on determining the groupings and communicate final details with the relevant parents via ParentMail on Thursday 28 May 2020. (There will also be an information gathering exercise on behalf of PlayZone included in the form.)

Parents who are Critical Workers are asked to read these points first:

- Critical Workers need to decide which type of 'bubble' they want their child to join;

- i) Remain in/join the Critical Worker 'bubble'. This 'bubble' is available five days a week, Mondays to Fridays, 08:55a.m. to 3:15p.m., just as it has been throughout the school closure period. It provides childcare, not teaching.

OR

- ii) join a Year Group 'bubble' – bearing in mind these are only available in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 for four days a week, Tuesday to Fridays, 08:55a.m. to 3:15p.m. These groups will use the suggestions for home learning written by each class teacher as the basis of their day.

Parents who are Critical Workers and would like their child to join a Year Group 'bubble' – EYFS, Y1 and Y6 only - for four days a week (Tuesdays to Fridays) should complete the form on ParentMail.

Parents who are Critical Workers and require childcare on Mondays and up to four other days of the week, should email me at enquiries@langtoft.lincs.sch.uk by **12 noon on Tuesday 26 May** 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
- iv) which days they would require the services of PlayZone (at a cost). This is an information gathering exercise on behalf of PlayZone. It is not a guarantee of a place.

Once a child is in a 'bubble' it cannot move to another 'bubble' without isolating for seven days in between. With this in mind, parents who are Critical Workers should only complete the form on ParentMail **OR** email with childcare requests. Please do not do both.

I am happy to discuss the options with parents who are Critical Workers and will be available on 01778 343419 between 12 noon and 4:00pm today (Thursday 21 May 2020) and between 09:30am and 4:00pm tomorrow (Friday 22 May 2020).

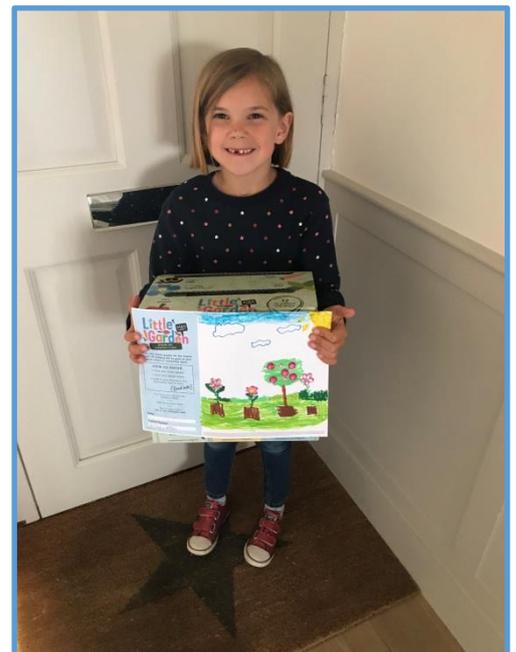
SOPHIA'S SUCCESS

Sophia from Y1 entered a competition in M&S before school closed to win a growing kit for our school. She found out last week that she had won. Congratulations, Sophia!

Right: Sophia with the picture she drew that won the competition and the prize - a box of 80 seed kits for school.

Sophia's mum asked: *I wondered if you would like these at school for the children that are still attending? We would be more than happy to drop them off at the school gates on our daily walk. It would be a shame for them to go to waste because she was so pleased she had won them for school.*

And so are we, Sophia. Thank you for thinking of us. Well done!

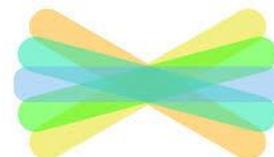


FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Mr Dolby for hosting last week's Friday Assembly. **CONGRATULATIONS** to last week's Superstars of the Week. Your certificate should be with you. (Please allow for a slower postal service at the moment.) There will be another assembly tomorrow at 2:45pm. There will not be an assembly next Friday (29 May) as we are on half-term. The next Friday Assembly will be on Friday 5 June.

SEESAW

We continue to be encouraged by the number of posts on Seesaw. The teachers are enjoying viewing the children's learning.



Some reminders, please, that we would really appreciate your cooperation with:

- I) We ask that **only posts connected to learning are uploaded**. Please select the 'best' learning to post.
- II) 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. **Seesaw is not a messaging service.**

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME LEARNING

As next week is half term, I shall not be sending suggestions for home learning tomorrow (Friday 22 May) as usual. The next set of suggestions will be sent on Friday 29 May. There will not a *Monday Morning Message* on 25 May. The next message will be on 1 June.

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 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. **The school will be closed to the children of critical workers and to vulnerable children on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May 2020 as the school prepares to reopen on 2 June.**