

Langar C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It feels very strange to write this letter, although I think as we watched communities close down and self-isolate across the world reaching this point seemed inevitable. I am certain that even though we will geographically be apart we can maintain the unique sense of family that we have here at school. There are a number of ways in which we can do this.

As the situation develops the school will be taking a four- phase approach:

1. Monday 23rd March, 2. The next two weeks, 3. Easter holidays, 4. The summer term.

Learning

Class teachers will be setting weekly timetables for children with a good mixture of online and offline activities. These timetables will be uploaded onto class pages and can be accessed through the direct link or the link on the Home Learning page. Children may need your support to complete some of these activities whilst others they are certain to be able to work on independently. Should your children exhaust the tasks set we have provided further links on the Home Learning page.

Communication

The children will be able to talk to their teacher via a class blog on Purple Mash. Please monitor your child's correspondence as these are visible to the whole class. The topics should be around the learning taking place but provide a wonderful place to interact and discuss progress being made.

Should parents need to talk to the class teacher they should do so via our new email addresses – class1@langar.notts.sch.uk, class2@langar.notts.sch.uk, class3@langar.notts.sch.uk and class4@langar.notts.sch.uk. Staff will check these daily, from Monday to Friday during term time, between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm. The purpose of these email addresses is quite specific and staff will not respond to emails that fall outside of their purpose or, more importantly professional boundaries.

Although the work and activities set are well supported via the online learning platforms we are using, we understand that there may be times when parents require clarification or guidance in order to support their child's learning. This is the reason for providing emails. Please get in touch if you are

struggling to support your child with the work set and the teacher will respond with an explanation, guidance or point you in the direction of a supportive resource.

If you wish to get in touch with the school regarding any other business, please email office@langar.notts.sch.uk, or ring between 8.40am and 3.20pm when we will certainly be here until further notice. Please continue to check the school website (ideally via the app) as it will be our main form of communication with you and the place where updates and information will be shared.

Safeguarding

The safety and well-being of your children is still at the forefront of our work even though we will not be able to check in on your children daily. If you have a safeguarding concern, or you are worried please contact *Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Hub (The MASH) on 0300 500 80 90*. If you feel a child is in urgent need of help you should contact *Nottinghamshire Police 999*.

Childcare for Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

Until we notify you otherwise, the school will be open as we are providing childcare for the children of Key Workers and those classed as vulnerable. A separate email has been sent about this clarifying the people who qualify for this service.

Children in Receipt of Free School Meals

The Local Authority have arranged for packed lunches to be provided for children in receipt of free school meals (not Universal Free School Meals – Key stage 1 children). These will be made and ready for collection at 12.00 every day. Please inform the office if you are not going to engage in this service.

We understand that you will be feeling the same trepidation that we are, with little idea of how the next few weeks will pan out and how long this situation will last. We want you to know that we are pulling together and will do all we can to ensure nobody feels isolated during this time of self-isolation. It goes without saying that fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society. You should feel proud that, in this way, you are contributing to the fight against the spread of the virus.

We wish to express our thanks to you all, but particularly those who are working hard to support our community and the most vulnerable in our society; especially those in the NHS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Brown', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs Brown

