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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE 13.3.20

Dear Parent/Carer,

We understand that this is quite a confusing and worrying time. As a school, we receive and act upon daily updates and guidance from the Department of Education. Our main focus at this time is to ensure hygiene levels are as high as possible. As standard, systems are already in place to ensure a safe and healthy school, but we have increased the profile in and around school in recent weeks. For example, children are regularly reminded about handwashing (including this week, watching the NHS handwashing video to ensure clarity) and there has been an additional deep clean of all school resources.

In addition, we will continue to communicate with parents/carers and visitors to the school through weekly newsletters, links via the website and emails and through posters around school. If we could ask for your continued support during this time by: ensuring your children wash their hands before coming to school and encouraging your children to cover their mouths and noses when sneezing and coughing, then washing their hands immediately after. Please see more details about handwashing in the newsletter and on the school website.

Self-Isolation

The most recent advice from the government is about self isolation. Symptoms requiring self-isolation for 7 days include: a new, persistent cough, high fever (over 38 degrees) and/or difficulty breathing. If your child has these symptoms, please inform school (and, if necessary, contact 111) and keep your child at home for 7 days. We would also expect parents/carers to contact the school office IMMEDIATELY if your child, you or a family member have a suspected or a confirmed case of Coronavirus so that as a school, we can act accordingly, liaise with the relevant agencies and take appropriate action to ensure the health and safety of all our Lostock Family.

Emergency School Closure

The Prime Minister has been very clear that schools will NOT be closing yet. Therefore, our plan is to follow this guidance and remain open to all our children. However, given that this could be a real possibility in the days/weeks ahead, we have made plans 'just in case'.

In the event of school closure, paper packs of work, Big Pictures for the next half term, class projects, reading diaries and reading books will all be sent home. In addition, from the first full day of a school closure, teachers will set work online. The main communication between teachers and children will be via the class blogs, where English, Creative Curriculum and Science tasks will be set and marked. Teachers will also be setting work through MyMaths, Spelling Shed and other 'free' online resources. Log ins for all these can be found in your child's reading diary. Please see our 'Emergency School Closure Curriculum Policy' on the website for more detail.

We will keep you informed of any further developments. If you have any concerns or questions, please do contact the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Vicki Guest
Headteacher