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SCHOOL CLOSURE – PARENT/CARER UPDATE 27.3.20

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you all well. We are missing you all terribly and very much wish that circumstances were different. The country is now in the middle of an official 'lock down', so the first key message in this update is to please, STAY AT HOME.

Home Learning
Teachers and children have been working so hard this week! We are thrilled that our plans for online learning launched successfully on Monday and even more excited by the number of responses we are receiving each day. If you and your child have not yet accessed the online work set, please check out the class blogs, which can be found on the school website. If you have any issues or questions regarding this work, please contact your child's class teacher via the blog or by sending an email to office@lostock.bolton.sch.uk.



Rainbows
I set a challenge on the school blog and in class with our key worker children… Rainbows, the sign of hope and joy, have certainly brightened up our week, as children have been creating a variety of rainbows in and around school. I hope they make you smile…

Easter Break
Online learning tasks will not be set over the Easter break. This will be an opportunity for everyone to spend quality time with their families! If you would like to keep busy and continue with your child's learning during this period, we have provided you with plenty of other materials. Feel free to use the packs sent home last week and take a look at the free online learning sites, listed in 'Parents/Carers – Coronavirus Updates – Policies and Guidance – Home Learning Guide'. Online work set by the class teachers will re-start on Tuesday 14th April.

Provision for children of 'critical workers' and 'vulnerable children'
For those of you who are critical workers, with children in school, we hope that your children have enjoyed the provision this week. As we have no families requiring child care over the Easter break, we will be closing for the next two weeks and will re-open on Tuesday 14th April. However, should anything change for our critical workers, please contact the school office on office@lostock.bolton.sch.uk.

Free School Meal Provision
If your child receives a Free School Meal during term time, this will continue after the Easter break. We will update when we have further details from the Local Authority.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Reminder
A school closure could make some children more vulnerable and more in need of protection. Please see the Department for Education guidance on the school website for details of what to do if you have a concern (Parents/Carers – Coronavirus updates – Safeguarding). Please take care, follow the government guidelines and stay safe. You are doing an amazing job throughout this very difficult time.

Yours faithfully,

Vicki Guest
Headteacher