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SCHOOL CLOSURE – PARENT/CARER UPDATE 1.5.20

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well.

Home Learning
I cannot describe how proud I am of all our wonderful children for their resilience and positivity during this school closure. Despite all the changes in recent weeks, they are still working hard, whether it be on the class blogs or other online learning, working in their school booklets or on their class projects or even helping out in the home. Keep it up Lostock! As always, if you have any issues or questions regarding the school work, or indeed need help or support with anything else, please contact your child's class teacher via the blog or by sending an email to office@lostock.bolton.sch.uk.



Bank Holiday
Online learning tasks will not be set on the bank holiday (next Friday 8th May). This will be an opportunity for everyone to spend quality time with their families! Online work will re-start on Monday 11th April.

National and Local Advice
I have received information from NHS Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group, which I thought would be useful to share with you all. There is information on the images within this letter, regarding: protecting your finances against fraud, seeking medical care if you need it and contacting 999 in an emergency.



In addition, I have emailed and added to the website (under Parents & Carers - Coronavirus Updates):

- Advice for parents when a child is unwell or injured
- NHS Bolton letter
- Joint letter from NHS and BCoM

Safeguarding and Child Protection Reminder
Please see the Department for Education guidance for details of what to do if you have a concern about a child's safety and please also see our addendum to our Safeguarding Policy during these times. Both can be found on the school website: Parents & Carers – Coronavirus updates – Safeguarding.

Yours faithfully,

Vicki Guest
Headteacher

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National and Local Advice

Make Yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

1. **Dial** 999
2. **Listen** to the questions from the 999 operator
3. **Respond** by coughing or tapping the handset if you can
4. If prompted, **press 55**
   This lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.



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Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

Be aware of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits - these are only offered by NHS.
- Vaccines or miracle cures – there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home cleaning services.

Protect yourself and others:

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Only purchase goods from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

Be a good friend, help to protect your family, friends and neighbours from scams.

Read it.
Share it.
Prevent it.

#Coronavirus
#ScamAware

Friends Against SCAMS

Contact
For advice on scams call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 11 33
To report a scam call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040
Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

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