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## Lionwood Junior School Newsletter



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Wednesday 20th May

Dear Parents

As you know the Government has announced that schools have been asked to re-open for certain year groups from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 at the earliest – if 5 tests are met. Since this announcement several organisations including the British Medical Association and Trade Unions have expressed concern over the safety of children and staff in school with increased number of pupils returning.

We have been reading the guidance and proposals as they come out, and thinking about the possibility of Lionwood Junior School opening to some Year 6 in addition to the children of Keyworkers at some point after 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

**We have decided that we will not be able to open on 1<sup>st</sup> June to Year 6 pupils,**  
**as the new requirements for health and safety require the school building and resources (including hygiene products and PPE) to be sourced and sessions thoroughly planned for - and there is not enough time to ensure that we meet the safety requirements for additional children by this date, particularly as some products are in very short supply.**

**The provision for children of Keyworkers from both schools will remain—but a new risk assessment is being drawn up to ensure that the provision for the children is in line with the new requirements - parents of these children will be informed of these by the end of this week.**

**As I have said before, we are keen to see all children back together in school but only if we can minimize the risk to an acceptable level.**

**I regret that at this stage we cannot give a date for re-opening, but rest assured, we are doing our best to open as quickly as it is safe to do so.**

**Home Learning will continue throughout the closure and beyond.**

I hope that there will be agreement between the Government, BMA and Unions very soon as this will help us to move forward.

When the building is safe to open to Year 6's, I will be in touch with more information.

I understand that it may be frustrating for parents and upsetting for children and staff for the school to remain closed to most pupils. Any parent who is having difficulties is encouraged to contact me on by emailing [info@lionwoodjunior.co.uk](mailto:info@lionwoodjunior.co.uk) to discuss how the school can support your child.

Many thanks for the messages of support and suggestions for improvement that parents have taken the time to send in—they are much appreciated.

I would like to thank all the staff including our caretaker and cleaners from Kier and our cook from Norse who are working so hard to make this extremely challenging time as bearable as possible for the Lionwood Community. Keep safe and healthy

Maria Cornish and the Lionwood Junior Team.

### **School site closed for Half Term (25th—30th May 2020)**

In order that the school can be deep cleaned, the School site will be closed to all children. Keyworkers who cannot care for children at home need to contact us by the Thursday 21st May 2020 at 3pm to discuss your childcare needs.

NO childcare is available at all on Bank Holiday Monday (25th May)

Email: [info@istnorfolk.co.uk](mailto:info@istnorfolk.co.uk)

### **Class Dojo and Home Learning**

Thank you to all who have engaged with the Home Learning through Class Dojo, One Note or the Website.

The teachers love seeing all your messages, work, photos and videos—please keep them coming. The teachers have also enjoyed the chance to speak with children on the phone. All children will have been given this opportunity by Friday and teachers will be offering this service again after half term.

Please contact on [info@istnorfolk.co.uk](mailto:info@istnorfolk.co.uk) if you have an queries about homework.

### **Returning to school**

We know how hard it must be for children and families to manage their anxieties about what school will look like for them when children return either this academic year or next. We regret so much that we cannot give concrete details at this stage.

#### **Year 2, 3, 4 and 5**

We want to reassure parents that we put the children's wellbeing at the top of our list of priorities and will make sure that transition into their next class in September is as settled as possible. Once safe to do so—We will make every effort to start current year 3, 4 and 5 back with their classes before we move them onto their new class—we will continue to discuss transition arrangements with the Infant School, to help ease the transition for the current year 2's.

Although we know the children will have missed traditional schooling—please be assured that the teachers will take time to assess where they are and what needs to be done to address any gaps while avoiding too much pressure on children.



#### **Year 6**

Even if Year 6 return this year—we know that transition to high school will not be as we would have wished for the. Could I ask that if parents receive any information about transition arrangements for their children that might be useful for us to know—please let us know, just in case we have not been informed.

Whatever happens—we will ensure that all Year 6's are invited back at some point when it is safe to have a Leavers event—to say goodbye properly to friends and staff.

### **New Cleaner Required**

One of the cleaners from Lionwood Infant and Nursery School, Lorraine Blanchflower, is leaving the school after cleaning at the school for many years.

The school is therefore looking for a dedicated, professional and friendly new member to join their cleaning team. Can you please inform any family or friends who have cleaning experience and may be interested. The link to the advert is below and is being advertised on Educator Solutions.

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/cleaner-44/?fromSearchPage=true>