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Lionwood Junior School Whole School Newsletter

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Lionwood Junior

Help prevent
a local
lockdown



Dear Parents

We were incredibly sad to have to send the Year 3's and 5's home before the end of term. The positive cases are in 3H and 5W. We will contact parents individually if their child has been sitting close to the child. I know that parents, children and staff are anxious about the possibility of infection over the holiday period and any resulting self-isolation that stops people seeing family members. Please can everyone continue to keep to the Government guidelines and school safety measures to minimise the risk of illness and self-isolation for individuals over Christmas.

Keep safe and well.

Maria Cornish and the Lionwood Team



We need to know if there are cases of COVID 19 in the school community.

People must self-isolate if they have been in last been in contact with someone **48 hours before the have tested positive for COVID 19.**

We have a dedicated email for parents with information about COVID 19 during the rest of this term and the School holidays: info@lionwoodjunior.co.uk This email will be manned by the Headteacher throughout the rest of term and the Christmas break.

Parents will be only be contacted if their child has come in to contact at school with someone with COVID 19 symptoms or a positive test result up to and including 20th December 2020.

After that, the case will not have been in school, and parents will not be notified and the normal Test and Trace will apply until the 4th January 2021.

SELF-ISOLATION RULES

If anyone develops symptoms in your household, everyone must self-isolate until they have been tested (please uses a drive-through if possible as this is quicker than postal tests). If the person with symptoms tests negative, then everyone can go about their normal business. If the person test positive then anyone who has been in contact must self-isolate for 14 days after their last contact with them.

Taking children out of school

The DFE has directed that all children on roll should remain in school unless required to self-isolate. This means that we are not permitted to authorise any absence resulting from taking children out as a precaution. We are not able to provide home learning for individuals in this circumstance as teachers are preparing work and teaching in school.

While we are hugely sympathetic to individual circumstances, I am sure that you understand that we have to abide by government directives.

Home Learning

As you know, Year 3 and 5 has had to close. The staff have started the Home Learning for the children.. If a pupil or staff member tests positive for COVID 19, then the Year Group they work in is closed for 14 days, and anybody with close contact will also self-isolate (this is why we keep the Year Groups separate). If sent home from school, children will take home a Home Learning Book to do their work in.

It is important all children are signed up to Class Dojo—please contact School Office if you need details re-sent—we have designed our online work to be as accessible as possible.

If your child is asked to self-isolate with their year group, Home Learning is provided in the following way:

- ◇ A zoom call will take place in the morning and in the afternoon. This is a chance for the register to be taken, to say hello, check everyone's OK, deal with any questions and a chance to share work.
- ◇ A video of the work will be also put on Class Dojo—so that it can be re-watched if children are working at different times—this will be a combination of direct teaching and explanation.
- ◇ Links to work will also be put on Class Dojo (this will be a combination of videos, powerpoints, Oak Academy Lessons and written work)
- ◇ Some worksheets are also put on—but these do not have to be printed—just answered in the work-book provided
- ◇ Teachers will provide feedback on work (that is uploaded) and answer any questions through messages on Class Dojo.

Work in paper form can also be provided for collection if children do not have access to technology, and children will be contacted as necessary. **This may differ from the work on Class Dojo.**



All work will stick as closely to the normal curriculum as possible, with teachers keeping in contact with children as much as they can.

Please note, if a teacher is ill and unable to work, then another of the team will take over the contact through zoom, sharing of videos and messaging.

If your child is self- isolating and they are in receipt of Free School Meals during term time—you can arrange to have a school packed lunch provided for collection.



VOUCHERS FOR CHILDREN RECEIVING FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The school has ordered vouchers for the Christmas holidays, for families of children in receipt of free school meals.

The code for these vouchers will be sent to you in the last week of term—they cannot be activated until 17th December 2020



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Free school meal vouchers

Norfolk County Council

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