

# Ladysmith Federation

## Junior School News

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
*Corona Virus Q&A edition*

**Hello to you all!**

As we approach what would have been the start to the summer, we are faced with a rather different start to the term!

We have had no further indication of a time frame for a return to school and so we are working on the assumption that school will remain closed for the foreseeable future. I think it is worth remaining optimistic that there may be at least a partial return to normality before the end of the academic year although we need to be prepared for the fact that this may not be the case.

We have received positive feedback regarding the learning resources [available via the school website](#). The teachers have prepared a new pack which will be available from Monday evening. In addition to this, the government have published a list of links to recommended resources. [Please click here to access this list](#).

Please do not feel that you need to do these in addition to the work set by your child's teacher but they may be useful to support their work.

We would like to thank you all for the ongoing efforts you have all made to limit the number of children in school - this has allowed us to care safely for those children

### **Where can I access online learning?**

Click here for a link to our website where you will find the most up-to-date remote learning tasks set by your child's teacher: [http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/remote\\_learning](http://www.ladysmithfederation.net/web/remote_learning). Please also see above for additional links published by the

### **I need to contact school. The phone isn't being answered.**

If you need to communicate with the school, please email rather than phone as the school office will be closed.

Please use this email: [dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net](mailto:dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net)

Once the term begins on the 14th April, if you need to contact your child's teacher about your child's learning or wellbeing, please use their email addresses which are available on the remote learning page and teachers will respond within 48 hours.

Teachers will be calling parents and children weekly. **This is not to check up on work completed** but to check how you are and to answer any questions you may

### **I am struggling financially. How can I register for Free Schools Meals?**

Applications need to be made via the Devon Citizens Portal - on the DCC website :

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals>

To qualify you need to be claiming one of the following:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- \*Child Tax Credit—providing you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income, as assessed by HMRC

### **Information for children from Public Health**

Coronavirus fact sheet for children: [Information for children](#) to help them understand what Coronavirus is, the importance of hand washing and how to help stop the virus spreading is available on the Campaign Resource Centre. This was developed by the Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. They have also made an [animation](#) to go with it. A link to the video for download is [here](#).

Another resource that is great for younger children is a book called What are Germs? By

### **Advice from the Department of Education: Keeping children safe online**

#### **Where can I go to get support to help keep my child safe online?**

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

[Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)

[Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

[LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)

### **Handwashing advice**

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water. Public Health England recommends that in addition to handwashing before eating, and after coughing and sneezing, everyone should also wash hands after using toilets and whenever you return home.

### **Staying Active**

There is lots of advice online but we have been asked to make you aware of the

### **Stay in Touch**

We hope that you don't feel too isolated as you keep your family safe at home. If you need us, we're here—just at the end of an email rather than a phone. Reach out and make contact if you need to and we'll do our best to support you.

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