

Ladysmith Federation

Junior School News

Friday 17th April 2020

We hope that you are all well and are managing to cope with this extraordinary situation. We would like to thank you again 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 whose parents are key workers and whose work is critical to the fight against Covid-19. Whilst not many of us are actually in the building at the same time, and may not be for a while yet, school continues to function remotely, and if you are having any problems, or just need someone to talk to, please look at the keeping in touch information below and feel free to contact us. Our remote learning continues and will be updated weekly (see below). We have made the decision to remove previous learning tasks rather than to have them build up; please do not worry if you miss something and then it is removed from the website.

Take care and stay safe.

Remote 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. These will be updated every weekend ready for the following week. If you have any problems accessing this or with the work itself, please feel free to email your child's teacher. All teacher email addresses are on the overview documents for each year group on the Remote Learning webpage.

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.

Keeping in Touch

By phone: There will be someone in the school office daily between 8:45am and 9:30am. Please call 01392 255554 if you need to speak to someone.

By email: Please feel free to email teachers if you need to talk about your child's learning or wellbeing, their school emails are available on the Remote Learning webpage. Teachers will aim to respond within 48 hours. For any other questions or help please email Mr Broad at: dbroad@ladysmithfederation.net or Mr Wilkinson at: mwilkinson@ladysmithfederation.net

Staff will be calling parents and children regularly. **This is not to check up on work completed** but to check how you are and to answer any questions you may have about the work set online.

SEND and Family Support

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.

Family Support—Lindsey Blackwell: lblackwell@ladysmithfederation.net;
SEND—Louise Williams: SEN@ladysmithfederation.net;

General Information

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

Advice from the Department of Education: Keeping children 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)

Net-aware (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)

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](#).

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.

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