



# LING MOOR

## A PRIORY ACADEMY

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As previously shared, we are absolutely delighted with the start to the academic year that the children have made. The children's behaviour and quality of learning is outstanding and they are really acting as superb members of our Ling Moor Family by striving to help each other be the best. Your support and key role in making this happen is very much appreciated. We are delighted that attendance is 98%+

The teachers have very quickly built positive relationships with their new classes and they have ensured our curriculum is adapted and tailored to take into account the children's absence from school. We have appointed three new Teaching Assistants (Mrs Thorne, Mrs Sievewright and Miss Abernethy) to ensure that extra capacity is in place so that all children are able to access any key learning that they have missed. Mr Small, our new sports coach, has also made a wonderful start and he is busy ensuring that all of the children have the opportunity to keep fit and learn new sports.

In the coming week, the teachers will be sending out a year group email to ensure that you have all of the key information for your child's year group this year. This will

replace our usual 'meet the teacher' evenings that we hold.

#### Social distancing

We have emailed previously regarding social distancing in and around the school site and following the changes to the law on the 14th September, we need you to be extra vigilant when dropping off and collecting on the school run. Please ensure that you model the 1m+ distance.

Our biggest point of congestion continues to be our entrance from Inn's close. A one way system is in place and thank you to those of you who are following the one way system especially for the busy 10 minutes after school. Please can you ensure that the congestion around this entrance is kept to a minimum.

#### Covid symptoms

The link below will take you to the latest guidance around Covid symptoms and further information should your child exhibit symptoms. If your child is booked for a test, we would appreciate you sharing the outcome with us so we can ensure that we take the correct steps following Health Protection England advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### Colds, coughs and sickness

We are extremely grateful that you are all being so vigilant around illness and that you are choosing to keep your children away from school if they have symptoms of a cold. This is making our management of the response to any Covid symptoms much easier. If your child is poorly, please do keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. If this is the case, please can you email our enquiries@ling-moor.lincs.sch.uk address or call as normal. The more information we have, the better.

We trust you to make the right decisions for your children but we are here to advise and support where necessary.

### Visits, assemblies and special events

We love being able to give the children the rich and varied experiences that inspire their learning. This year it is going to be a real challenge but you will have already seen if you follow us on twitter that we have welcomed experts into school, held a pirate day and lots of other exciting events.

One thing that we are unable to do is to hold our assemblies. You all know how much we love our Star of the Week assemblies where we invite parents into school but this will have to pause for a while. We will continue to celebrate this with the children in their classes and will share news with you.

### Parent to Teacher communication and Parent's evening

One of the many challenges that we have to overcome this academic year is ensuring that you feel that you have sufficient communication with your child's class teacher – something that we know is going to be difficult as we need to be mindful of social distancing and the busy start to the school day. The system of emailing through to teachers appears to be working well and teachers can be available after school for phone calls should the need arise. We will not be holding parents evening in school this year and we are planning an approach to ensure you have key information – it is likely that this will be done over the phone.

### Online learning

Should we be in a position where children have to miss school again (e.g. closing a year group bubble, a period of isolation or quarantine), we are putting in place systems where we will be able to ensure that the children still receive interaction with the teachers in their year group. We will be sharing more news about this in coming days and weeks.

### Financial hardship

We continue to be aware that many families are facing uncertain times and a negative financial impact. If this is impacting upon your family, please do contact me with the knowledge that it will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.



## Outdoor classroom and fire pit

Our outdoor classroom continues to provide a wonderful space for our children to learn. The Year 6 children have already started their journey to build and light their own fire so that they can use it to cook a meal. As the area is becoming increasingly used, please can you make sure that at the end of the school day children (including younger siblings) do not go into the space. Whilst we always monitor any fire and put them out after use, we would hate for a child to have an accident by entering the area unsupervised.

Thank you again for all of your support, kind words and patience as we work to new regimes and with new systems. You have again proven that the Ling Moor Family is a very special thing to be part of.