



Dear Parents,

Hello everyone. I hope that you are all well. For those working at home I hope that the new Home Learning format is easier to use and has meant less prep work for you at the beginning of the week. I know that the teachers using it in school whilst often not teaching their own class or year group have found it to be 'user friendly'!

Today we welcomed back some of Year 6 and the school is starting to feel busier again—in a good way! We do miss those children that are not able to come in but I know that staff are still making contact and you are sending your work in via email.

### Week 3 of re-opening to more pupils

#### **Junior children of key workers - we are now full**

Our junior key worker provision is now full. As we welcome back our Year 6 pupils the rooms and staffing are at capacity. We have assumed that all our key workers have already registered with us so sincerely hope that this doesn't cause anyone any inconvenience.

#### **Government announcements regarding more year groups returning**

As usual just as we get used to our new normal a new announcement heralds possible changes to what we thought would happen as we move forwards. I await government guidance on the expectations of opening to more children, summer holidays and September openings and will keep you informed as I know more.

#### **My child is in a year group that has returned and I would like them to come back now**

You can change your mind. You have to inform the school by the Wednesday in order for your child to return on the following Monday.

#### **I don't want to do every day**

We do request that once you have decided to return your child to school they do all the days offered. This will assist with staffing and planning. Children are offered Monday to Thursday (children of key workers are able to book a space for Friday)

#### **My child's year group isn't offered—will they come back before the end of the year**

Gavin Williamson, the Secretary of State for Education, announced last week that the government felt it was now not possible for all children to return for a month before the end of the summer. However, detailed guidance is not yet available. It does seem very unlikely that school will return to normal before September and there are questions over how September will look. We will keep you informed as the information arrives.

#### **I'm a key worker — what do I do?**

Book your child in for the days that you are working. This booking system is for a two week window and will close the Wednesday before. **Please book now for your child to attend up until the end of term.**

For all the above bookings email [messages@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:messages@loxwoodschool.com)

We cannot accept late bookings for any of the above groups. Staffing will be finalised the previous week and there will be no additional staff on site. Staff working from home will be concentrating on Home Learning and contacting children still learning from home.

## Home Learning

Home Learning is of course still of the utmost importance to us. We hope that the new format has been of assistance to you. We welcome feedback or if you have any questions please contact the school.

#### **If your child is learning from home regardless of year group**

1. The home learning will continue to be uploaded every week, now on a Friday. This is the same learning as children are receiving in school.
2. The new format gives you a day by day schedule to work from.
3. We would love you to continue to email work in that you have done with your children for either a celebratory yay! Or some useful feedback. You may notice that responses to emails are slower because soon all staff will be in school teaching from Monday—Thursday. But we will respond.
4. You will receive a phone call every couple of weeks to have a chat to a member of staff. Staff have loved this time with your children even though some are chattier than others on a phone!



#### **Are you eligible for Free School Meals?**

Many of us are finding that our financial situation has changed during this time. You may be eligible for FSM. During this period, this means providing food for your child for lunch as if they were in school.

Check your eligibility

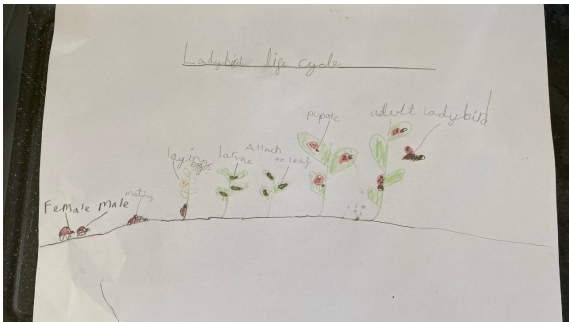
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#### **Do you need short term help or support with food or finances?**

We may be able to help or point you in the direction of some help.

Please contact us if you are in need. This would be strictly confidential.

Look how busy you have been.

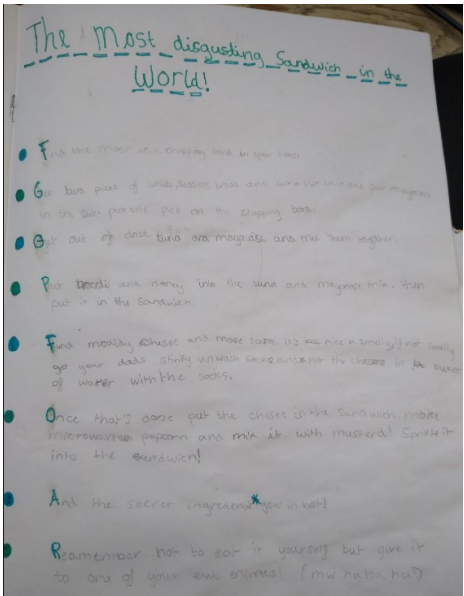


Florrie has been busy finding out about ladybirds!



Tate's first Street Art lesson.

We love Jayden's presentation of the life cycle of a frog!



Lovely sandwiches from Halle!!

Year 4 in spotlight this week

Stanley's blog

I have had another hair cut! Apparently I couldn't see through all the fur on my head (see my before and after photos). Everyone keeps telling me that they can't get their hair cut and that I'm lucky. So if anyone wants my next appointment I'll swap it for a piece of chicken. The groomer also clips my nails so he'll do that for you too.  
I was on the gate for the first time today, to say hello to all the children arriving. I liked it but I did have a good sleep afterwards.

