



Dear Parents,

Well we are heading towards half term and I hope you are all still well and safe. The school will continue to be open for key workers to access the childcare provision during the holiday period although we have said that we will not be sending out Home Learning during this time. I hope that you are able to take time off with your children and enjoy the sun!

I would like to thank staff again – I realise that the teaching profession gets teased about the amount of holiday that we have but May half term will be the second holiday that they will have worked through. This holiday time cannot be reclaimed as in other professions later in the year. So thank you Loxwood staff.

Potential re-opening of schools 1st June

There is a lot of anxiety, worry and questions regarding the re-opening of schools. The Government has reiterated that this re-opening is conditional, so we will not have any confirmation until an update towards the end of the month.

Having said that we have been working tirelessly on our school risk assessment. This is complex and we are following Government guidance as we go.

Governors are going to ratify this risk assessment towards the end of this week and then we will prepare to send it out to parents with a plan of re-opening.

From our survey the most frequent questions seem to be:

Can I decide if my child goes back to school?

As a parent you are fully in control of assessing the information given and deciding whether you wish your child to return to school (if your child's year group is open)

Can I choose part time?

If you are a key worker you will book your child in for the days that you are working.

If your child's class is open to return we will be requesting that they come in on every day offered to them. This can not be enforced but would greatly assist us in planning staffing and curriculum.

If my child isn't in a year group that is open when will they return?

Unfortunately we don't know this - I am not sure if anyone can see that far into the future at the moment. But we, like you await Government updates, and hope to see all the children before the summer. If it is safe to do so.

Hopefully many of your other questions will be answered within the risk assessment.

Letters Home Due to some difficulties on the eschools app, all letters sent home will now be on the home page of our school website.

Home Learning



To give the children a break from home learning there will be no learning pack for half term. You will see new learning appear towards the end of half term week ready for 1st June. Thank you again for all of your hard work in supporting your children with their tasks. The teachers will be working throughout half term in preparation for the Government's request for us to begin gradually opening up to more children. We will not be able to respond to class emails quite as quickly as usual so if you have an urgent message for school during half term please use messages@loxwoodschool.com

White Rose Maths

We are aware that White Rose are no longer posting their worksheets free of charge. We will be downloading them to the class page alongside our weekly planning unit from now on.

Science

As it is half term don't forget to get outside and try out Mrs Rolland's Nature Trail activity—you will find it on the whole school webpage.

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

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-online-application-form/>

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.

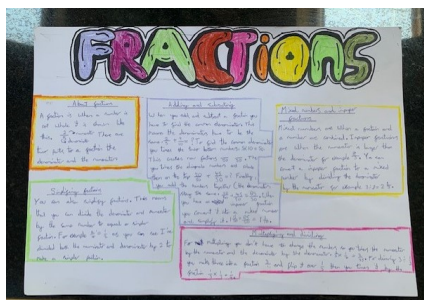
How do I contact the teachers and the school?

By telephone—01403 752207 the answering machine is checked every day.

By email—for the office messages@loxwoodschool.com this is checked throughout the day

The school is open for children of key workers. Please contact messages@loxwoodschool.com

Look how busy Year 6 have been.



Charlie explaining fractions



Daisy busy with her maths



Otis investigating plants and music

I wonder who this is?



Freya's poster

Gardener Emma



What are the staff up to? What do they miss?

Mrs Rolland

Hello everyone!

It goes without saying that I am missing you all, especially my lovely class. It certainly is strange being a teacher and not being in a classroom filled with children, but sat behind a laptop! Seeing photos of learning, reading emails from children and their families and talking to families on the phone is helping me to still feel like a teacher, however, and I hope that it is helping you all to still feel connected to us teachers too.

Going from a classroom of twenty-nine children to just two at home sounds easy, but like many of you I am finding juggling full time working, home schooling and household running a challenge and it is certainly no less noisy or busy!

We love a competition in the Rolland house, so the Sussex Virtual School Games was just what we needed to get us motivated. Here I am trying my best at the Hockey Switch Challenge from Week 1. If you haven't had a go yet I would really recommend it! I hope that it isn't too long before we can all come back together again, but until then keep up the good work and stay positive.



Mrs Tedd

I miss...

seeing those 'lightbulb' moments when the children understand a tricky bit of learning;
the children's humour that makes me smile;
tea breaks and laughter in the staffroom;
the routine of a structured day;
the children and adults that make Loxwood School so special.
Stay Safe and Stay Happy.



Stanley's blog

I have been working with some of the children coming into school this week. I played cafés outside and was given cups of tea. Slightly muddy but well worth it. I am trying to get used to being in school again. I keep forgetting not to bark at the front door but I promise I will try harder to learn who to bark at and who is friendly. Do cats count as friendly? Did you know there is a ginger one and a black and white one just walking around the school field as if they own the place!