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## Lionwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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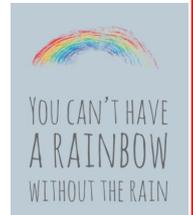
To all our parents and children at Lionwood Infant and Nursery,

Eek! Here comes the rain! We have been fortunate to have lovely weather while we get used to new rules and routines but now it seems Autumn showers have well and truly arrived! As the weather is getting a bit colder, can you please ensure that the children bring a coat and jumper and wear trousers or tights so that they are warm enough inside and outside. Please note we need to keep the windows and doors open when it's practical, in order to give the rooms ventilation to help minimise infection.

Lunches are running well now the Reception children are also having lunch with us and we have been so impressed with their manners and sensible behaviour during lunchtime. Please do continue to reinforce these table manners and using a knife and fork at home as this will really help them become more independent. P.E lessons have also started across the school and thank you to all our parents for ensuring children still come in smartly dressed in appropriate PE kit.

Have a wonderful week,

Miss Kingsley and all the Lionwood Team



### ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR OUTSIDE SCHOOL PREMISES

Thank you all for adhering to social distancing rules while on the school premises. It is so important that we continue to do this in order to ensure we do everything we can to stop the spread of coronavirus. As we are currently queuing outside rather than in school, I would ask that all parents refrain from smoking as they wait with their children on Telegraph Lane East.

I would also like to remind parents that the parking spaces next to the main school entrance are privately owned by the school and residents and you are not allowed to wait and smoke in this area. Staff will now be asking you to move from this area as we have had complaints from both residents and parents about gathering in groups in this space to smoke. It is important at this time that we all look after each other and I would appreciate your understanding in this matter.



### REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

- The government guidance still applies that **only 1 adult per household can pick-up and drop children off.** This must be adhered to avoid congestion at the entrances and reduce risk.
- Please leave the school and the surrounding area around the premises promptly—some parents have been waiting for other parents and gathering in small groups outside the school which increases the risk to others. **Please do not gather in groups outside the school building.**

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOME LEARNING IN THE EVENT OF PARTIAL OR FULL CLOSURE

If your child is self-isolating due to them or members of their household having symptoms (providing they are well enough to work) they will be able to access the home learning from the Parent Information section of the school website. This is updated weekly. If you are unable to access the internet, please let the school office know and we will provide a paper work pack which follows the work currently going on in class. They will be able to upload work and messages to teachers will be picked up as often as is practical in the school day.

If we have to close the Year Group or Whole School, teachers will provide a mixture of at least daily zoom calls to go through work, online resources and the opportunity to upload work and message teachers throughout school day—this is possible as teachers will also be self-isolating (unless they have symptoms themselves). A paper option for those without technology and selected online lessons from Oak National Academy will also be available. All work will be in line with the Lionwood Curriculum.

Go to: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year> where you will find a daily programme of lessons.

**If your child is off school due to illness then they are not expected to complete work.**



## LACK OF TESTS

As some of you will have experienced, and many of you have seen on the news, over recent days it has been extremely difficult to book a test at a test site or order a home test kit. It seems that this is due to problems with the capacity at the testing labs as well as the booking system. The government has said that they are dealing with this.

The recommended route is still to try and book a place at a test site if possible or order a home test. If you have repeatedly tried to do this and are getting nowhere, please contact the school.

We have contacted the Local Authority so that they can pass on our concerns to the Department for Education about lack of test appointments and the lengthy wait for results which are causing families and schools anxiety as well as financial hardship. I have said that this is not sustainable particularly as we go into winter.

Mrs Cornish at Lionwood Junior School has also written to Chloe Smith MP (Norwich North) on behalf of the school to voice her concerns and I will write a similar letter to our MP Clive Lewis (Norwich South).

Sometimes it is difficult to decide whether the symptoms you or your children are displaying warrant a test. If you want a bit more advice, there is a questionnaire run by NHS England that aims to help people with this: <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>

## NHS FLU VACINATIONS

All children in school are being offered the Flu Vaccination this year as normal. The medical team will be in school on 9th November 2020.

It is essential that if you want your child to be vaccinated that you give your consent online by the closing date which is: **30th September 2020. Your child cannot be vaccinated without you doing this. There is no paper consent form available. Details have been sent to you by email and letter.**

As you would expect, we have been provided with a comprehensive risk assessment to ensure that these vaccinations are carried out safely.