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Lionwood Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers

It's been a busy and strange week for us all I'm sure—thank you all for your patience and messages of support this week. The children have already settled well into the routine of home learning and the school remains open for vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. A special well done to all our Reception children and parents to whom all of this remote learning is totally new this week! Please let the class teachers know if the work is not quite right for your child—we want to make sure it is accessible for all children.

Remember that reading every day is the best thing you can do with your child as it helps them access other learning.

Keep safe and well.

Hannah Kingsley and the Lionwood Team



Free e-books from your local library

There is a free App called Libby that allows you to download e-books free of charge.

Go to: <https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

It also gives you the option to download the app or open the app in your browser.

Happy reading!



ClassDojo is our main way to communicate with parents and children while the school is closed. More information regarding home learning will follow over the next few days.

Please post any learning or fun activities your child completes on your child's portfolio (you will need to set up your child's account to do this). The messaging should be used to contact teachers and Teaching Assistants with questions about the work during school hours.

If your child would like to talk to a member of the Pastoral Team — the best way is to send a message or email the office during school hours and they will give parents a ring and arrange a time to talk to your child.



From next week the BBC will be putting its Home Learning content on TV as well as online—so those without laptops and computers can access lessons.

These will be on iplayer as well.

From Monday 11 January:

- The CBBC channel will have a three-hour block of primary school programmes. This will include programmes from BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily as well as Our

Government initiatives for disadvantaged families to get help with technology

- Free mobile data/routers
- Loaned laptops or chromebooks



Infant school pupils are defined as disadvantaged if:

- your child usually qualifies for free school meals/pupil premium based on the family receiving certain benefits
- Looked After Children (LAC) continuously for one day or more
- Post LAC: because of an adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order

Increasing data allowances on mobile devices

This scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This is so that children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

Who can get help?

This scheme is open to children and young people who:

- don't have access to a [fixed broadband connection](#)
- cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources or social care services
- have access to a mobile device that uses a participating network
- are facing disruption to their face-to-face education, or have been advised not to attend school



Other networks will probably be added and so if you need this service and your network is not listed below just give your details to us and we'll apply if your network is added and let you know.

Eligible Mobile Networks

EE
Sky Mobile
Smarty
Three
Virgin Mobile



To request extra mobile data, you will need to supply the school with the following information:

- child's name and class
- the account holder's name
- their mobile number (a number beginning with '07')
- their mobile network
- whether they pay monthly or pay as they go

If you think you qualify for help—please contact the officelians@istnorfolk.co.uk giving the above information.

Loan of Laptops/devices for disadvantaged pupils

Please note that as it stands, Lionwood Infant and Nursery School (and many other infant only schools) have not been allocated laptops/devices from the government portal so this is something that infant schools may not have access to moving forward.

More information will follow if/when we are updated by the government.