



Langdon Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

Re: Coronavirus/Covid-19

Yesterday, I read several articles about the rising sense of panic in schools with regard to the Coronavirus pandemic. I have to say that this has not been my experience in our school over the last few days. I acknowledge that the advice from the government has been inconsistent, lacking clarity and fast changing but I strongly feel that the Langdon Primary School community are taking a sensible measured approach to the current situation.

Your children may have realised that Miss Langley was not in school today. Miss Langley has one of the underlying health issues that the government have raised for special consideration due to the vulnerability to complications if the virus is caught. After seeking guidance from Public Health England and the local authority, we made the decision yesterday that she should not be in school for the foreseeable future. This week, Mrs Britton and Mrs Trenchard will cover the class with Miss Langley planning the work for the children from home and for the rest of the term we anticipate that Mrs Keem, Mrs Newton and myself will teach the children. If your child is in Sea-Turtles Class and you have any class-based concerns please talk to me directly.

The staff are committed to keeping our children healthy, safe, emotionally well and learning and they are working hard to achieve this, both for children who are in school and for those who are currently at home following illness or advice to isolate. Today, children will be given packs to take home and for those who are already at home, we will post these out by first class mail. Each pack contains enough work for children to do over a two week period. The pack has some mathematics, reading, writing and topic based activities. We are aware that for some children the work may be a bit easy and for some it may be a bit hard. We ask parents to help with adjusting it for their child as necessary. We have also included the Department for Education/Langdon School activity pack which is full of ideas to keep children occupied and learning in a more creative and personal way. This pack should be used to supplement the worksheet and research based learning we

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have given you. The packs should only be used in the event of school closure or if your child is off school in order to self isolate. We do not ask children who are unwell to work through the pack - they must rest and recuperate before they begin work as they would do under usual circumstances. If in the event of school closures, if the school is not open to pupils beyond two weeks, a further pack will be sent out to you by first class mail and we will continue this process at two weekly intervals until we resume normal practice.

I was reassured when I spoke to parents collecting children after school yesterday, that all is well with yourselves in terms of your perception of your child in school at this time. I have today asked your children to thank you for your support of our school and for your kind words we received yesterday regarding the job we do. If you do have any questions, concerns or worries, please don't hesitate to contact me and I will try to help.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher.