LINGDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



"Working together to be the best we can be"

Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Lingdale Primary School **Davison Street** Lingdale Saltburn-by-the-Sea **TS 12 3DU**

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I am getting in touch to give you an update regarding our current position.

As you know, school has never closed during lockdown. We have remained open for the children of offering this support. I would like to pass on my thanks to our AMAZING staff for always going above and beyond and to our supportive Governing body. It has been a great team Lingdale effort and we have all worked together to be the best that we can be.

Headteacher **Mrs S Thornton**

Tel 01287 651723





key workers and vulnerable children since the start of this pandemic. We have taken great pride in A small number of Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y6 children have now returned to school. We have

been extremely proud of the way the children have adapted. Many thanks to our parents and carers for maintaining social distancing on school premises and your care and attention to the new drop off and collection routines. We really appreciate all you do and we are grateful for this. For those parents who have not chosen to send their children back, as previously mentioned, we respect your decision. Unfortunately, there are no plans to re-admit pupils in Little Explorers, Y2, V3, V4 or V5 back into school this academic year. The scientific advice still strongly advocates 2m social distancing. This is a key part of our risk assessment in order to reduce the risk of transmis-sion of the COVID-19 virus. Teachers will continue to make welfare calls every Monday between 10am and 2pm—please remember this may show up as a withheld or private number.

Please remember school will close as planned for the summer holidays on **Thursday 16th July 2020**. Friday 17th July and Monday 20th July are both training days and school will be closed to ALL pupils. We will update ALL parents with the plan for September as soon as we can. We hope that school will reopen on Thursday 3rd September 2020. As it stands, we have not received any detailed guidance from the Government regarding their strategy for a full safe return to school for all the children. As more information is released, I will share this with you. During the pandemic, it has been the case that schools have not been informed of changing guidance before it has been publicly to the nation. This has been a very challenging time for schools because it has inhibited our ability to plan ahead in the long term effectively.

In relation to September, any child requiring school uniform will need to ring the school office or email with their order on office@lingdale.org. Please ensure you are registered with the new online system ParentPay as we will be no longer be accepting cash due to the ongoing situation. If you require new ParentPay login details, then please speak to Mrs Bates on 01287 651723. All future school trips will also be organised through ParentPay so please ensure you are up and running.

The Government have announced that FSM children will continue to receive their food vouchers over the summer holidays. If you think your circumstances have changed and you are eligible for FSM, please fill in the form sent in the post or contact the school office. MFC Foundation will continue to deliver breakfast and food hampers to ALL our families over the summer holidays and school are extremely grateful for this support.

I strongly believe that when we are able to be reunited in a safe manner, the Lingdale Primary family will be even stronger than we were before. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any advice or support and I hope to see you all soon.

Kind regards,

Mrs Thornton (Headteacher)

CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19)

