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Dear Parents & Carers

New Term - New Lockdown

We hope you are keeping well and are staying positive in these challenging times. Following the announcement of the 4 week lockdown, we have been waiting for the updated guidance. We received this just before 4pm on the day before lockdown commencement. We have reviewed our risk assessment and updated it in line with the new guidance. It will be uploaded on the school website by close of play on Friday.

There are a few changes over the next few weeks including:

- **Clinically extremely vulnerable children must not attend school. If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, please contact the office and do not send your child to school. If you are unsure, please contact your GP before sending your child to school.** If your child is extremely clinically vulnerable, we will provide remote education for them.
- Our lunch time sports clubs with Mr Wright will not be able to take place - we will still keep active with lots of outside challenges (please make sure your child's PE kit is suitable for outdoor chilly weather)
- Due to the new lockdown, and based on ensuring we can safely operate the school, the governors have agreed that we will revisit reopening our wraparound care at East Wold in January. At the moment, we do not have the resources to take this forward. We appreciate that this is difficult for some families and we hope that you can understand the pressures we are currently facing.
- We will be continuing to ventilate our schools and will open the class doors during play-times to change the air. Children will need to be wrapped up warm, as although the heating is on, it can get a little fresh. Please provide additional layers of clothing without worrying if the additional items are part of our school uniform.
- To support staff workloads, we will not be producing our newsletter during the lockdown period. I will aim to provide a regular update letter and emails, the website and Facebook will be used for communications.
- Our staff at the entrances to school will be wearing face coverings/visors and they may also be wearing these in communal areas and offices around the school building too.
- We will only have visitors on site that are essential.
- School meals will continue as present due to limited staff to extend operations.

Please remember:

- Our offices remain closed. If you need to contact us, please use the enquiries email as this is staffed and we will respond to you as soon as possible.



Please help us to keep our school safe by ensuring that anyone with coronavirus symptoms (or a contact of someone with symptoms) does not attend school. Those with symptoms need to get a test.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet.

We ask parents and staff to inform us immediately of the results of a test (please email our enquiries email address and my personal email: becky.dhami@east-wold.lincs.sch.uk / becky.dhami@north-cockerington.lincs.sch.uk).

It is also important to highlight that if someone with symptoms tests negative, then they need should stay at home until they are recovered as usual from their illness but can safely return thereafter. **The only exception to return following a negative test result is where an individual is separately identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, when they will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of that contact.**

If someone with symptoms tests positive, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/ taste. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should continue to self-isolate until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should all self-isolate for the full 14 days.

I would like to reassure you that our fantastic staff team have embraced the amended measures and are doing everything possible to keep our school as safe as it can be. The children are all enjoying their learning and school is full of smiling faces.

We will continue to respond to any changes in guidance, and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards



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