

We have really enjoyed seeing all the children on Zoom this week and hope that everybody has begun to adjust to new routines.



We must keep on protecting each other.



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Thank you to all our parents/carers for your support this week. We hope you are all keeping safe and well.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following pupils who have celebrated their birthdays this week, whilst school has been closed:

OSCAR L
SCARLETT
FLORENCE
EMILY D

GOVERNING BODY UPDATE

Sadly, we are saying “goodbye’ to Martin Ellison this week following his resignation from the Governing Body. Martin became a member of the school’s Governing Body in May 2008 and was elected Chair of Governors in January 2011. In the 14 years he has been on the school’s Governing Body, he has supported three headteachers, briefly with Mrs Hastings-Trew and Mr Grogan, and for almost 10 years with Mrs Robinson.

Message from Mr Grogan

This week we have had a significant change to the school’s Governing Body, as Martin Ellison has stepped down as Chair after serving 10 years in the role. Mrs Robinson has sent a message for Martin, but I also wanted to express my gratitude to him for the support he has given me in my first term as Headteacher. It was a most unusual term for me, and I was often glad that Martin was at the end of the phone for advice or a chat. Thank you, Martin for all the time you have given to our school over the years and all the good that you have done for our school community.

The Governing Body has elected a new Chairperson, and I am delighted to welcome Andy Twigg to the role. Like Martin, Andy has a history of involvement with the school which spans a couple of decades; all three of Andy’s children attended our school. I look forward to many years of working with Andy, and I’m sure that, with his help and support, we will continue to go from strength to strength.

We will soon be looking to fill the vacancy which Martin’s departure has created, and in the near future I will be writing to you about the process of electing a new parent governor.

Message from Mrs Robinson

Over the 10 years that Martin has been the Chair of Governors he has been extremely dedicated and committed to ensuring that the leadership and management of Lothersdale School has consistently delivered high-quality education for its children over a sustained period of time.

He has supported the school in achieving many positive outcomes during this time, including the ‘Outstanding’ Ofsted judgement in 2014 that we were all very proud of and building developments such as the new entrance hall, the woodland area, the school office and the borehole.

Whenever the school has faced challenges Martin has always worked diligently with the leadership team to achieve the most positive outcomes possible. At times the role of Chair of Governors can be very time consuming but Martin has never wavered from the commitment he made to the school and should be commended greatly for this.

Martin also played a significant role in the formation of our academy trust in 2015 and the strong foundations that he helped to lay have enabled the Trust to build carefully and successfully.

We all wish Martin much happiness for the future and are incredibly grateful to him for all he has done for Lothersdale School and YCAT over the last 14 years.

Please find detailed below Headteacher updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.

Dear Parents/Carers

Enforced School Closure ~ Week 2

This week has presented us with new challenges (as if we didn't have enough already), and I have experienced my first hair-raising drive down the hill into the village in the snow and ice. Unfortunately, we had to close the school yesterday to Key Worker children because of the worsening weather, but we are open again today!

We are not putting printed work packs out today as we do not want parents/carers to be making unnecessary journeys to the village in the current icy conditions. Class teachers will have emailed work for next week, and we will have packs ready for collection on Monday – we will notify you when they are ready.

I have been blown away by the level of engagement from the children during this period of lockdown so far; let's hope that between us, we can help maintain their enthusiasm. I do think the Zoom calls are making a big difference and I know the staff are growing to really enjoy them, after a little early apprehension. Thank you to all parents/carers for your tremendous support with your children's learning. Remember, you know your children best and you know when they have had enough. So, please do try to maintain a healthy balance between school work and relaxation.

I have received so many messages of support from parents/carers recently, and each one has done wonders for morale – I always share them with staff and they are much appreciated by everyone. Thank you.

Enjoy your weekend playing in the snow! Take care everyone.



COLUM GROGAN

KEY WORKER AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN PROVISION

Thank you to those of you who have requested Key Worker provision in school. If your child has been offered a childcare place then please note the following:

- The school is still operating under Covid measures and it is even more important that parents/carers continue to adhere to the school's policies and procedures if your child is attending school during the national lockdown period.
- You must continue to check your child's temperature before coming to school and keep your child at home if they show any sign of Covid symptoms. If you or any of your household show any signs of symptoms or test positive, school must be informed immediately. Equally, if they have been in contact with someone who has a positive Covid result outside the household or support bubble, this must also be reported to school immediately in the normal way.
- The school's one-way system is in operation but we will only be using the main school entrance during the national lockdown period. Parents/carers must enter the school site via the main vehicle entrance and exit from the playground via the pedestrian access as per the current arrangement. Please note that **parents/carers must wear face masks whilst on the school site (including the playground).**



- Your child will be looked after by a skeleton teaching staff throughout the day and not taught in classes. This means that your child may not be with their usual class teacher or teaching assistant. The children will be split into two 'bubble' groups (Class 1/Class 2 and Class 3/Class 4) and will work independently on their work packs. Teaching staff will be on hand to support them with their work packs if required, as you would be doing if they were at home.
- Your child should arrive at 8.45am and must be picked up at 3.15pm unless you have made a prior arrangement with school.
- If your child is scheduled to attend school but is ill (not Covid), please let us know via the school telephone number or school email as normal so we can complete the register accordingly.
- Your child should arrive in school uniform with clothing and footwear appropriate for the weather – please ensure they have hats and gloves in the cold weather.
- If you have indicated your child will be bringing a packed lunch, please ensure they remember to bring it on the day.
- All children must bring in their school water bottles and their work packs daily.
- All children must bring in their PE kit as we will be doing PE sessions during the week.
- If bad weather is forecast or prevents the school from opening, then the school's Winter Plan arrangements will continue as under normal circumstances. Please see the **School Office** section of this newsletter for more information.
- No visitors or parents/carers will be allowed in the school building unless by prior arrangement.

HOME LEARNING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE

Teachers are now using the home learning email accounts - if you have a specific question about teaching and learning, please feel free to email the teachers direct using these email addresses:



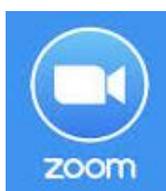
- Mrs Bateman - lothclass1@ycatschools.co.uk
- Mr Craven - lothclass2@ycatschools.co.uk
- Miss Gallagher - lothclass3@ycatschools.co.uk
- Mrs Fawcett - lothclass4@ycatschools.co.uk

Please do not use these email addresses for anything other than home learning – all other queries should be directed to the school via the main school office email (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) as normal.

The teachers will be online during the school day and will be able to respond to any questions about the learning tasks from children or parents/carers as soon as possible. Please note that there may be a longer response time on the days the teachers are timetabled to be in school to support the children of key worker and vulnerable children.

Online Learning: Zoom Lessons

| Daily Teacher Zoom Calls | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Rec | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 11.30 - 12.00 | 11.00 - 11.30 | 10.30 - 11.00 | 10.00 - 10.30 | 9.30 - 10.00 | 9.00 - 9.30 | 9.00 - 9.30 |



The daily Zoom calls provide an opportunity for your child's class teacher to briefly introduce the day's learning and maybe show an example of the work being taught; it may be a chance for a sing-a-long and some daily phonics; it may be a chance for the teacher to provide feedback for work which children have completed; or it may be a chance for children to ask questions about the work that has been set.

The children can access the Zoom call from a laptop, Chromebook, smart phone, iPad, tablet, PS4, smart TV, Nintendo Switch - virtually any device with a browser.

If your child is unable to join the Zoom call, they will still be able to complete the daily work tasks as full information will be provided by class teachers each week.

We have had to timetable the calls carefully so that siblings in different classes are not on calls at the same time. Teachers will endeavour to start sessions promptly, and they will not always be the full 30 minutes long each time as teachers may need to end one call and start the next straight away. If you are new to Zoom, the following instructions will remind you how to join and use Zoom (these were emailed to all parents/carers on Friday 8 January 2021). A copy of the Zoom Parents' Guide is also attached to this newsletter for your information.

Zoom Instructions

The invitation is auto-generated by Zoom when we create the meetings; It may contain an instruction to "Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system" followed by a weblink. **You do not need to do this** unless you want to add the meeting to your own online calendar (google, outlook etc.)

To join the meeting, just click the link in the email, or copy and paste it into a browser. Then follow the instructions on screen. If it is the first time you have used Zoom, you may be prompted to download some software, but this is OK and nothing to worry about.

To join the meeting, click 'join with computer audio' to allow your microphone to connect. When you enter the meeting, your microphone will be muted; please tell the children to only unmute if/when asked to do so by the teacher. Teachers have control in the meeting and will mute all participants in order to help us have successful, ordered lessons.

Teacher may invite children to speak at certain points, usually by asking the children to raise their hand; they will then be asked to unmute their own microphones so they can be heard by everyone in the group.

Physical Activities for Home Learners

As we now find ourselves in another lockdown with the majority of children working from home, it is important for children to keep physically active in the hope that it will help with mental health and concentration levels to complete their home learning activities. Here are a few links below to help your children keep active during the lockdown:



[Disney Shake Up Games](#) | [10 Minute Shake Up](#) | [Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) These are for younger children and would be ideal to do between work sessions to reinvigorate them and get ready for the next lesson.

[The Daily Mile at Home](#) | [The Daily Mile UK](#) As many schools have taken on the daily mile, this link is for The Daily Mile (UK) and there are 15 weekly challenges that children can do with their other family members.

[Chance to Shine](#) are offering active sessions via its portal. There are sessions for at school in the playground, in the classroom and many 'At Home' ideas, perfect for lockdown and don't require any real equipment. It is free to sign up to and has lots of classroom lessons all designed to follow the National Curriculum. Please sign up if you haven't already and help to keep your kids active during lockdown.



<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/pe-with-joe> Joe Wicks has brought back 'PE with Joe' to keep children active following school closures in place until mid-February. The sessions called PE with Joe are [streamed live on Wicks' YouTube channel](#) at 9am three days a week. They will be 20-minutes, half the length of the last lockdown session.

REMOTE LEARNING online

The school has subscribed to several online learning platforms and, if they are not currently using them in conjunction with class work packs, pupils in Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 can continue to utilise these platforms at home. Passwords and login details were provided to you and your children during the last lockdown to enable you to access these platforms.

Class 3 now have access to Epic!, which is an online system allowing children to read a range of books including comics, E-books, fiction and non-fiction. An email containing the joining instructions and class code was sent to parents/carers of children in Class 3 on Tuesday.

Reading for Class 3

Laptop or Chromebook

1. Go to www.getepic.com/students
2. Students enter class code
3. Click on their name and they're in!



iOS/Android

1. Download the Epic! app from the app store
2. Students open the Epic! app
3. Students enter class code
4. Click on their name and they're in!

simple

All subjects for
Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4

Log in:

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch/lothersdale>

Spelling for
Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4

Log in:

<https://www.spellzone.com>



Maths for
Class 2, Class 3 & Class 4

Log in:

play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/87514
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/87514>



Reading for
Class 2 and Class 3

Log in:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk>

Reading for
Class 4

Log in:

<https://student.readingplus.com>



Further recommended learning platforms

Further online learning platforms, recommended by North Yorkshire County Council, may also help supplement your child's home learning and these are listed below.



<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>

Keep your child safe online

Remember that it is important to have regular conversations about staying safe online and to encourage children to speak to you if they come across something worrying online.



These resources provide guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online. They will, amongst other things, support you to talk to your child about a range of online safety issues, set up home filtering in a child-friendly way and set up age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices:

- [Thinkuknow](#) by National Crime Agency-CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) provides resources for parents and carers and children of all ages to help keep children safe online
- [Childnet](#) has developed [guidance for parents and carers](#) to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as [guidance on keeping under-fives safe online](#)
- [Parent Info](#) is a collaboration between Parent Zone and NCA-CEOP, providing support and guidance for parents and carers related to the digital world from leading experts and organisations
- NSPCC has [guidance for parents and carers](#) to help keep children safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also [report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

General School Updates

Please find detailed below general updates for your information. If you have any queries regarding any of the content below, please contact the school office.

Snow!



The weather took us by surprise in Lothersdale yesterday as it suddenly turned from pouring rain to snow around 7.30am and continued throughout the day, making it difficult to access the village. School was closed to key worker and vulnerable children.



School opened again today to help support those parents/carers whose work is critical to Covid-19 even though lots of snow remained and the sunshine made everything look very picturesque!



School Office Information

If you have any queries regarding any of content below, please contact the school office (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk).

The school office will remain open as normal term-time during the period of enforced school closure. However, please note that this will also be dependent on any staff illness/period of self-isolation.

School contact during enforced closure

If you wish to contact the school please follow normal procedures and email via the office email address (lothersdale@ycatschools.co.uk) or telephone 01535 632510.

ParentPay

Next week we will be looking working with ParentPay to refund payments made for this half-term for extended schools and swimming, and will let you know as soon as the refunds have been made.

School Website Updates

Remember to look on our School Website for further information on what is happening around school! New postings on our website this week are listed below:

Friday News

Diary of Events

If you wish to promote a community event in our diary below, please contact the school office. Please note there may be circumstances in which these dates are subject to change:

School Events:

Tue 20 Apr 2021 - Bag2School collection in the Parent Shelter ~ by 9.00am

Food Allergy Warning

Please remember Lothersdale Primary School is a Nut Free Zone





Founded in 2011, Zoom is one of the world's leading video conferencing software providers. It has a number of features, including video and audio conferencing, real-time messaging, screen-sharing and the ability to upload, share and search for content. Users can start their own meetings or they can join meetings set up by others. The app is available to use across PCs, laptops, tablets and mobile phones and is free to download on both the app store and on Android.



What parents need to know about zoom



ZOOM BOMBING



'Zoom bombing' is the term which has been coined to describe unauthorised people joining zoom meetings uninvited and broadcasting pornographic or inappropriate videos. An attacker can hijack a meeting if they know the meeting ID and it isn't reinforced with a password. Not taking preventative measures or implementing privacy controls could open up the risk of children witnessing sexual or inappropriate content with very little notice.

RISK OF PHISHING



The rise in popularity of Zoom has led to a rise in hacking operations and phishing campaigns. This is when participants are encouraged to click on links to join what they believe to be legitimate Zoom meetings via email, but which are in fact fraudulent. These scams aim to obtain sensitive information such as user login details, passwords and/or credit card information.

PRIVACY CONCERNS



Depending on how the app has been set-up, Zoom can offer very little privacy. In many cases, the meeting hosts can see detailed information about each participant including their full name, phone numbers and maybe even location data. Furthermore, depending on where the camera has been set up or where your child's computer is positioned, private or personal information could be stolen depending on what can be seen in the background.

LIVE RECORDINGS



One of the features of Zoom is the ability to record live meetings. By default, only the host of the meeting can usually record live sessions however other meeting members can also record if the host gives them access. Recordings can be stored on devices or on the cloud and can be downloaded and shared with no restrictions. This means that videos, audio clips and transcripts of recordings involving your children could be widely shared on the internet or between users without your authorisation or consent.

PRIVATE ZOOM MEETINGS

Zoom has a facility to set up breakout rooms, which enables a private meeting within the main Zoom session. The host can choose to split the participants of the original meeting into separate sessions. This gives children the ability to speak privately away from the main group to other users however chats aren't always monitored by the host and if the meeting has been made public, children could be more vulnerable to experiencing negative comments.

'LIVE STREAMING' RISKS



At its very core, Zoom facilitates live streaming. That means it inevitably carries some of the associated risks that live streaming brings. These are likely to be minimal within a controlled environment (for instance when used in a classroom setting for remote learning). However, live streaming means that content isn't always moderated and children who use the app unsupervised or with limited security settings, may be more at risk of exposure to viewing inappropriate material. Other risks can include downloading malicious links, sharing personal information or even potential grooming.

Safety Tips For Parents

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Remind your child that if they do see something that makes them feel uncomfortable or upset then they need to talk about it and report it. Parents can report unwanted activity, harassment, and cyberattacks to Zoom directly. To help your child, you could try setting up a checklist before they go online, with an agreed set of rules and what they should do if they see something inappropriate.

USER PRIVATE MEETING IDS & PASSWORDS

It is always better to set up a meeting with a random ID number generated by Zoom than by using a personal number. This means it is harder to guess and less likely to be hacked. It's important to never share meeting IDs with anybody you don't know and always set-up a password function to allow other people to sign-in. This should already be a default setting that is applied on Zoom.

PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL DATA

It's important to discuss with your child that they should not share personal information on Zoom. This includes passwords, their address, phone number, etc. Create your child's account under a false name or pseudonym and always set a custom background to help hide details in your home. Zoom allows you to turn on virtual backgrounds and select your own image to appear behind you.

BEWARE OF PHISHING EMAILS

Every time you or your child gets a Zoom link, it's good practice to ensure it has come from the official platform and is not fraudulent. Signs of a phishing email include an unrecognisable email address, an unofficial domain name or a slightly distorted logo. The email itself might also be poorly written or contain suspicious attachments.

TURN OFF UNNECESSARY FEATURES

If your child is using Zoom, there are a number of features that you can turn off to make the experience safer for them. For instance, disabling the ability to transfer files or engaging in private chats can help to limit the risk of receiving any malicious attachments or receiving any inappropriate messages. In addition, you can turn off the camera if it is not needed or mute the microphone when not in use.

USE THE 'VIRTUAL WAITING ROOM' FEATURE

The waiting room feature on Zoom means that anybody who wants to join a meeting or live session cannot automatically join and must 'wait' for the host to screen them before entering. This is now a default function and adds another layer of security to reduce the likelihood of zoom bombing.

KEEP YOUR VERSION UPDATED

It's important to ensure you are using the latest version of Zoom available and always update it if you get a prompt. These updates are usually to fix security holes and without the update you will be more vulnerable to an attack. Check the official website to see what the latest version is and compare it to your own.

HOST IMPLEMENTED PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child is part of a larger group meeting, then it's important to make sure that the host is abiding by Zoom's Terms of Service. This includes the fact that they have gained everybody's permission for the session to be recorded. The host should also have set screen sharing to 'host only' and disabled 'file transfer' to help keep the live stream secure.

Meet our expert

Emma Davis is a cyber security expert and former ICT teacher. She delivers cyber awareness training to organisations nationally and has extensive knowledge and experience of managing how children access services and apps online.



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SOURCES: <https://zoom.us/privacy> | <https://zoom.us/> | <https://zoom.us/docs/doc/School%20Administrators%20Guide%20to%20Rolling%20Out%20Zoom.pdf> | <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2020/apr/02/zoom-technology-security-coronavirus-video-conferencing>



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