



**Lowick and Holy Island C of E First Schools**

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20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## Update for parents and carers

We are certainly living in interesting times! I can confirm that Lowick and Holy Island schools will be closed from the end of school today (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March).

Staff will not be in school for set times except for Mrs Bradbury who is continuing her caretaking duties as usual.

If you need to get in touch with the school for an admin reason, you can still email [admin@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk).

If you have any questions about your child's learning then please use the following points of contact:

Nursery children: [Katie.waddington@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:Katie.waddington@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk)

Class 1 children (Reception and Year 1):

[Carolyn.strangeways@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:Carolyn.strangeways@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk)

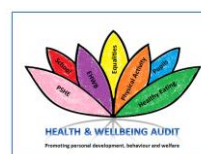
Class 2 children (years 2, 3 and 4): [heather.stiansen@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:heather.stiansen@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk)

If you have questions involving safeguarding, leadership, whole school issues or about something other than admin and learning then contact Rebecca on:

[Rebecca.simpson@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:Rebecca.simpson@lowick.northumberland.sch.uk)

Please be aware that response times may be longer than usual; we will do our best in difficult circumstances.

We will also try and keep the school Facebook page active.



## Learning after the Easter Holidays

We will use our school website to upload learning guidance for the weeks after the Easter holiday. We appreciate that this is not ideal, but we are trying to cope with an extraordinary situation. We will put up week-by-week learning suggestions for Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 with links to videos and resources. **Please do what you can but do not stress or worry if you do not do everything we suggest.** It is still important for the children to be allowed to be children. They will miss their friends and do need playtimes to blow off steam and relax. They will also share our anxiety about the coronavirus and the loss of routine. Sometimes, it will be better and far more important to have a cuddle, watch a film, go for a walk in the countryside or just sit and chat. Every child in the county will be in the same situation in terms of loss of usual teaching – let the education professionals worry about that once this is all over. Enjoy having time with your amazing children.

However, please remember that it is very important that, when the children are off school, you try your best to **keep them isolated and away from other people** in order to try and slow the spread of the coronavirus and reduce potential pressure on the NHS. I cannot emphasise enough how important this is for the well-being of our whole community.

You will be in our thoughts, our prayers and we send you our best wishes. We hope to see you all, safe and well, once this crisis has passed.

*Rebecca and all of the staff*

