

Learning for Life!



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Greetings from Lonsdale School! I hope that you have all already logged into our fantastic online learning area on our school website We know that this is a rather different way of learning, but I'm sure that we make this work for everyone as long as we continue to share our learning experiences and ideas with everyone. The last few weeks the students have learned about 'Space' and how astronauts cope so far away from home. In many ways we can now draw from their valuable experiences and become just like astronauts – doing a very important job away on individual space stations and reporting back to ground control – Lonsdale Mission Centre!

As you can see, we are offering your children and yourselves a daily learning programme with three different sessions. It is important that we introduce a daily learning routine for our students with clear expectations what they are expected to do. This is there to help parents, children and other family members to establish routines which will in weeks to come help us to find purpose and structure. We recognise that routines keep us going during times when we are otherwise challenged. This could be being defined in close spaces, our homes, without opportunities to socialise with other outside the home.

Routines and structure will help everyone when external structures, such as going to school or work are no longer there to define leisure and work.

Lonsdale School website learning areas will continue to be updated on a daily basis whilst we you and your children, our students, access their learning remotely.

For the very small number of students in school, currently below 14, we have followed government advice and introduced a new whole-school timetable with a restricted range of subjects. This enables us to bring the classes together: work on same topics, share our learning and feel connected.

If you would like to see what your child is working on at school, please log onto the Student Area of our website and look at the Home Learning Plan for your child's class group for a particular day. This will allow you to talk with your child about what they did at school.

All form tutors are just an email or phone call away. We will answer any queries you have and we have also introduced a chat button (bottom right hand corner on the student area) for your messages and questions.

We will continue to provide weekly newsletters and all important information will be available on our school website. Please see the website for our telephone number, contact information and updates.



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So, this is Lonsdale Ground Control to all astronauts with big yellow leaf badges on their space suits:

'Keep exploring,
Learning - not snoring.
Have some space snacks and munchies,
Remember, no crumbs or crunchies,
There are nor crumbs in space,
But hey, in this case.....
With a special permission from Nina, the cookery Ace,
Little nibbles are allowed.

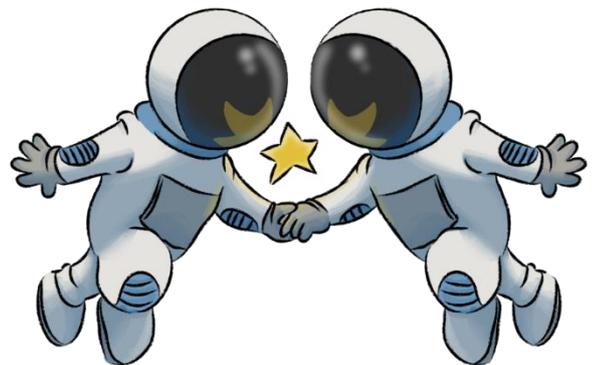


Keep learning and having fun with your virtual buddies!'

Yours faithfully

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