



# The Hoot

Friday 11th September 2020

We have come to the end of our first full week at school. The children have been amazing, they have settled back into school life very quickly. Our new EYFS children have been wonderful, in the speed at which they have stepped into their new and unfamiliar school and it feels like they have been with us forever. We are so proud of all of them. It is not school life as we knew it, but together we are ensuring that the 'new normal' enables all children to be in school, happily, safely and confidently. We are supporting children to become resilient and positive in the challenges they are given and it is great to see their stamina and endurance for learning improving each day. Our risk assessment, under the COVID tab on the school website is regularly reviewed and updated, in line with Government changes and updates. We ask that you are aware of all the measures that we have in place to keep everyone safe.

## Communication

Sadly, as we know, the COVID virus survives on paper for 24 hours and other materials such as plastic for 72 hours. Staff are not able to check the reading diaries every day, but have created systems where books can be changed and gloves are worn on book changing days. We have set up the email system again for all staff, so that any important message that you need to send to your child's teacher, needs to be emailed and not written in the reading diary as we always have done. The email address is your child's year group followed by the school email e.g.

[Year3@pinchbeckeast.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Year3@pinchbeckeast.lincs.sch.uk)

We hope that this will ensure channels of communication can remain open. Please be mindful that teachers are in class all day, will read your email and respond as soon as they can.

## A few reminders and updates:

Only one adult per family to drop off and collect children. Please leave the playgrounds as swiftly as possible at the end of the day

Please discourage children from bringing 'materials' into school—no paper notes/drawings, no key rings on book bags please, or sadly any of the usual birthday sweets to be given out to class friends.

All items need to be labelled, especially water bottles.

The passage way next to school ... We are aware of how busy this becomes, so please can everyone **KEEP LEFT** when walking up and down it and we recommend that you wear a face mask ,due to the restricted area.



During lockdown, I saw this beautiful duck take her ducklings on a journey from the hedge near Argos in Spalding, through the town to the River Welland—there were some really scary moments. I shared my story with



the children this week over Microsoft Teams (not very successfully!), but the ending to the story was wonderful. With team work, guidance, 'asking' for help the journey was successful ... not too dissimilar to life itself.