

Lockdown Larry



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All is still outside. All is quiet. All the schools are closed. Most people are at home. Everyone is in Lockdown.

At 25 Mill Lane lives a little boy called Jack with his mum, 2 year old sister Ella and his dog Larry. Jack is 7 years old and as we join his story he is playing with his favourite toys on the lounge floor. Jack roars as he manoeuvres his toy dragon to attack the golden knight protecting his castle.



Suddenly, a real monster enters the room, well, not quite a monster but Jack's 2 year old sister Ella! She swiftly knocks over the castle and all of Jack's carefully placed knights and horses are snatched.

'Mummy!' shouts Jack, 'Ella is ruining my game, and urch! She stinks of pooh!' Jack moves away from his stinky sister. 'Go away Ella!' squeals Jack.



Jack's mummy comes and picks up stinky Ella, 'Never mind Jack it's time to do your online school work in a minute.' Mummy turns Ella upside down to sniff her bottom, 'I just need to change Ella's nappy first.'

‘But I don’t want to do my school work, it’s boring!’

‘I’m sure it will be fun Jack, now put away your toys and I’ll be back soon.’

Jack is left sitting on the lounge carpet. He is feeling very grumpy. Jack hates doing school work, he just wants to play with his toys. Sadly he strokes Larry the dog’s head, ‘Oh Larry, I miss playing with my friends, I even miss my teacher Miss Smith.’



Suddenly, there was a flash and a bang!



And there before him stood his dog in a cape!

‘L..L..Larry is that you?’ stammered Jack.



'I am Lockdown Larry' exclaimed Larry with his hands on his hips in a super hero pose. Lockdown Larry starts to sniff, 'It smells in here!'

'Yeah I know! Ella did a pooh in her nappy!'

And with that Lockdown Larry holds out his paw to Jack and says, 'It's time to go on a lockdown adventure.'

Jack stands up and cautiously holds onto Larry's paw. Suddenly they begin to spin round and.... 'pop' !!!!

Jack and Larry disappear from the lounge and reappear in Jack's school classroom.

POP

'Woah! This is my classroom Larry,' exclaims Jack.

'Look! This the table where I sit with my friends Ben, Tom and Lucy'.

All of a sudden footsteps can be heard approaching the classroom, Jack and Lockdown Larry quickly hide under the table.

Carefully, Jack takes a sneaky peek from under the table, he spots his teacher Miss Smith sitting at her desk turning on her computer whilst sipping her cup of tea. Mrs Singh appears at the classroom doorway. 'Good morning Miss Smith!'

'Good morning Mrs Singh, I am just getting ready to go online to say hello to all the children in my class, I hope some of them have some art work from yesterday that they would like to show me! I really miss them!'

'Oh I am sure your class have done lots of amazing work,' says Mrs Singh as she turns to leave, 'The children will be back in no time at all I am sure of it!'

Lockdown Larry holds out his paw and Jack takes it and soon they are spinning out of the classroom and into the kitchen of Jack's friend Ben.



'Larry,' whispers Jack, 'this is where Ben lives, I used to come here lots to play and sometimes even stayed for tea!'

Lockdown Larry and Jack tip toe over to the kitchen door and see Ben sat at the computer with his dad.

Ben looks fed up, 'Do I have to do school work Dad? I want to play football in the garden, I want to play football with Jack again.'



'I know,' says Ben's dad, 'Let's do school work first, then after maybe we could Zoom call Jack? I'm sure his mummy won't mind.'

'Sounds great Dad.'

Carefully, Jack closes the kitchen door and whispers, 'Lockdown Larry can we go home now please?'

'Lockdown Larry to the rescue' exclaims Larry and holds out his paws for Jack to hold. The room begins to spin.



Jack is at home again. He goes over to the kitchen work top and turns the laptop on.



‘Oh wow, thank you for turning the laptop on Jack, I was worried you might not want to do school work today,’ says mum putting a fresher smelling Ella down on the floor to play with her toys.

‘Sorry for being grumpy earlier Mum,’ says Jack hugging his mum.

‘I want to log in to show Miss Smith the amazing work we did yesterday! Maybe when I have finished my school work we can Zoom call Ben?’

‘That’s a great idea,’ says mum pulling a chair to sit next to Jack, ‘I know you are missing your friends Jack and I am sure they are missing you too! Let’s get through this together and before we know it you will be back at school!’



Just at that moment Larry appears at the kitchen door, but he is no longer Lockdown Larry but Larry the dog.

‘I will try my best mum,’ says Jack smiling at Larry.

Larry winks back.

