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COVID-19 UPDATE- Wider opening of School beyond children of critical/key workers and vulnerable pupils

Dear Parent/Carer,

Updated information following Prime Minister's statement, 27.1.2021

I write to confirm that school will not open to 'wider' year groups beyond the school nursery, vulnerable children and children of critical/key workers until Monday 8th March at the 'very earliest'. Mr Johnson stated that 'it was not possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half term' and went on to say that the Government hoped 'it would be safe to commence the wider-opening of schools from Monday 8th March'.

This 'projected' wider-opening date will be reviewed mid-February and is dependent on a number of factors. These factors include satisfactory public health data, reduced pressure on NHS capacity and vaccination targets for everyone in the four most vulnerable groups being achieved.

The Government have stated that they will provide school, pupils, parents and carers with at least two weeks' notice to prepare for a return to face-to-face education. We will update parents/carers following the mid-February review. **Our current restricted attendance timings are:**

Nursery: 8.50am start, 2.50pm finish (Monday- Thursday).

Reception: 8.40am start, 2.40pm finish.

Year 1 and Year 2 pupils: 8.50am start, 2.50pm finish.

Year 3- Year 6: 8.55am start, 2.55pm finish.

Year 3 and Year 4 pupils: Please enter and exit school via the main hall doors that face the school turning circle. The start time for this 'bubble' will now be 8.55am. Please collect your child at 2.55pm.

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils: Please enter school via the main door off the Key Stage 2 yard. The start time for this 'bubble' will now be 8.55am. Your child will leave school via the Key Stage 2 exit gate at 2.55pm.

Please do not arrive at school unless your child's attendance has been AGREED and CONFIRMED by school.



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Remote/ Home Learning Information

School will provide Remote Learning for children in a number of different ways:

- All children have access to Reading Planet, our online reading scheme.
- KS1 and KS2 children have been given login access to Purple Mash. This is the school's virtual learning platform, and each child has individual login details (a copy of their access details and user instructions are provided in the school packs but these have been provided previously) to allow access to tasks for English, Maths, Science and Topic, being set by class teachers.
- Reception are providing a pack of resources available for use alongside 4 'Facebook Live' sessions a day.
- Nursery are providing a daily story session and a weekly activity board, again available through the EYFS Facebook page.

In addition, there are games, projects and topic research activities the children can choose to access on Purple Mash. The school website also has a Home Learning section which you can access electronically. Other recommended websites are BBC Bitesize and The Oak Academy.

Home Learning Packs

Home learning (paper-based tasks) will also be available for collection from school. Collection arrangements will be circulated by school Unit Leads, either weekly or fortnightly.

On a personal note, I fully appreciate that January 2021 has been another memorable month for all the wrong reasons. Times are tough at the moment with general wellbeing for all communities being at a very low ebb. Another National lockdown compounded by dark, cold and rainy/wintry weather. In addition, the Government have set significantly higher expectations around Remote Learning/Home Learning for schools to adhere to during this second period of restricted school attendance. Ultimately, all schools have asked their parents/carers to support these 'higher expectations' in the home environment. This we know may produce huge family pressure if you are 'juggling' a job/earning a living and endeavouring to managing a household- cook, clean, entertain and keep children safe.

With this in mind I want to say a heartfelt 'thank you' for your support to date and until a time when school may open to wider groups. Please keep up the great work, you are doing a fantastic job. All that each individual class teacher may ask is that you do your best to support your child/children with their school work at home. We appreciate that every family and their individual circumstances are different. If time is particularly 'tight' on a certain day, as a minimum, please try to read with your child and do some basic mental mathematics/times table (if age applicable).

Loan of school IT devices (laptops) and free Vodafone mobile broadband

If your child does not have a device at home for accessing Purple Mash and other on-line learning, we have a limited supply of loan devices available on a priority basis (disadvantaged pupils in the first instance, one device per household). If you do not have access to the internet at home, we also have a limited supply of data only (30GB) SIMS cards which can be used in personal mobile devices such as phones and tablets to allow internet access.

If you have any issues accessing our school's online resources or would like to enquire about receiving either a piece of loan equipment or a free Data only SIM card, please email Online Learning Support, Mr Heywood: t.heywood@limehurst.oldham.sch.uk or 0161 7703140.

Loan of school IT devices and free Vodafone mobile broadband will be available for collection. As stated, you must declare an interest with Mr Heywood and have your request agreed before collection. Please do not arrive at school without agreement. IT Hardware will not be released without prior agreement.



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Free School Meal (FSM) eligible pupils during lockdown

School is now providing an electronic voucher via the National voucher scheme, £15 per week, per eligible pupil

Mr Wilson (Associate Headteacher) will answer any questions or queries re-FSMs (leadershipIW@outlook.com) or 0161 7703140.

Home School Communication During Lockdown

To provide a communication link between parents/carers and teachers we have set up individual email addresses to facilitate a 'direct link' with your child's class teacher or a member of the leadership team (with a pastoral, SEN or safeguarding question) if you need to.

Nursery: Mrs Booth and Mrs Hale: limehurstnursery@outlook.com

Reception: Mrs Roberts and Miss Ratcliffe: receptionJRAR@outlook.com

Class 4: Mrs Duffy: class4DD@outlook.com

Class 5: Miss Simpson: class5NS@outlook.com

Class 6: Mrs Douglas: class6DH@outlook.com

Class 7: Mr Todd: class7MT@outlook.com

Class 8: Mrs Pazos: class8JP@outlook.com

Class 9: Mrs Hirst and Mrs Wright: class9JH@outlook.com

Class 10: Mr Dickinson: class10SD@outlook.com

Class 11: Miss Rourke and Mrs Wood: class11RR@outlook.com

Class 12: Mrs Atherton: class12MA@outlook.com

Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCO: Mrs Taylor: safeguardingLT@outlook.com

The school office is still available on info@limehurst.oldham.sch.uk

Parents/carers may also use the existing School Facebook pages as a further tool for home school communication (Limehurst Primary School Oldham Facebook Group). All school information will be circulated on the school website, via Parent Mail and existing School Facebook Pages.

REMINDER- School is ONLY open to Nursery pupils, children of critical/key workers and pupils identified as vulnerable at present. Please do not arrive at school unless your child's attendance has been AGREED and CONFIRMED by school.

Spring Half Term

School will close to all pupils for spring half term at our usual COVID times (as detailed previously). The last day of this half term will be Friday 12th February 2021.

School will open to restricted groups on Monday 22nd February at our usual COVID times (as detailed previously).

Thank you for your home learning support and continued patience.

Yours sincerely,

M Roberts

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