

# OLDHAM COUNCIL



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Dear Parent/ carer,

## **Re: Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils, 23.3.2020 until further notice**

### **Key workers**

Further to the information sent home yesterday, the DFE have finally published the list of those people considered to be key workers who are critical to the COVID -19 response and cannot safely care for their children at home. Please read, digest and respond (to the addition 'Key worker' information provided) if applicable to you.

Further information for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

### **Home learning**

Home learning packs have been sent home today (if your child is in attendance). Home learning packs (class/ year group specific) will also be available to collect from school on Monday morning (between 10am and 11am) for pupils who were absent today.

Purple Mash (the school's virtual learning platform- for those who have internet connection) login details will arrive in the post via Royal Mail in due course. Email accounts have now been set up so that parents have a 'direct line' of communication to their child's class teacher, for general school enquires and safeguarding arrangements.

### **Pupils currently eligible for Free school meals**

School will be in contact with parents/ carers imminently to make the necessary arrangements.

### **School Website**

Please note that updates are not being published on the school website at present due to staff absence. Parent Mail service and the Facebook page 'Limehurst Primary School Oldham Facebook Group' are currently being used as our main forms of electronic communication.



**For children coming in to school as of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, the following measures/precautions must be taken:**

- Own clothes to be worn which are fresh on – we recommend putting clothes straight in the washing machine once returning home from school to minimise and control the spread of infection.
- Up to date contact details for family members must be available within school and emergency contact details should your child become poorly/exhibit symptoms of contracting coronavirus.
- If you become unwell with coronavirus symptoms, you must **immediately** contact school and arrange for collection of your child.
- Social distancing **must** be enforced whilst your child is not in school if we are to prevent/minimise the spread of infection.
- School **must** be informed if you no longer fall within the critical worker list or you have been asked to self-isolate.
- Thorough hand washing to take place at home just before leaving the home.
- **All children must start at 8.50am and be collected (or consent for Year 5 & 6 pupils to walk home on their own) at 2.50pm.**

**What will not to go ahead from Monday (23.3.2020) onwards**

All planned school activities before Easter and summer half term 1 have been **cancelled**.

All external tests in May and June have been **cancelled**. They include:

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Year 4 Multiplication Table Check

Year 6 Standard Attainment Tests

**Breakfast Club is cancelled until further notice.**

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please do not hesitate to do so. Senior staff will be available. These include **Mr. Wilson** (Associate Head teacher), **Mrs. Hirst** (Deputy Head teacher), **Mrs. Wright** (Associate Head teacher) and **Mrs. Taylor** (designated Safeguarding Lead).

**Please remember that the school closure is to protect the safety of our whole school community, local area and our nation. This is a temporary measure to ensure that we can, together, overcome what is an unprecedented time for us.**

**Stay safe. Let's work together!**

Yours sincerely,

**Mr M Roberts**  
Head teacher

