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Head teacher  
Mr M Roberts

Dear Parent/Carer,

**COVID-19 UPDATE (following the Prime Minister's statement, 4/1/2021,  
SCHOOL CLOSURE with immediate effect)**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021- School closed to most pupils until half term (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
and to be reviewed)**

**Vulnerable children and children of critical workers who can attend school with prior agreement**

School will ONLY be OPEN to pupils identified as vulnerable and children of Key Workers', on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 and for the remaining lockdown period.

Please do not arrive at school unless your child's attendance has been AGREED and CONFIRMED by school (as detailed in our previous correspondence).

Pupils in attendance will be grouped in their existing 'bubble'. Due to reduced pupil numbers our current entry and exit, start and finish arrangement will be simplified. Please note the changes, with effect from 6/1/21 and on-going, below:

**Nursery (Monday-Thursday) and Reception pupils:** Please enter and exit school as per current arrangements. The start time for this 'bubble' will now be 8.50am. Please collect your child at 2.50pm.

**Year 1 and Year 2 pupils:** Please enter and exit school via the main hall doors that face the school car park. The start time for this 'bubble' will now be 8.50am. Please collect your child at 2.50pm.

**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.

Your child should attend school wearing school uniform. If your child is currently entitled to a daily free school meal (either FSM eligible or Universal FSM i.e. Reception to Year 2) our catering team will provide this. All other pupils, please prepare a 'home' packed lunch, again daily.



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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. All activities and tasks are year group specific. Other recommended websites are White Rose Maths, BBC Bitesize and The Oak Academy.

### Home Learning Packs

Each KS1 and KS2 child is also offered a printed pack this week, for KS1 and LKS2 providing work for 2 weeks (next packs available on 18.1.21) and for UKS2 weekly (next pack available 11.1.21).

Reception are providing a pack of resources available for use alongside 4 'Facebook Live' sessions a day.

Reception resources, Key Stage 1 and 2 printed pack will be available for collection from tomorrow morning (6.1.21) between 9.30am and 10.30am. I appreciate the Government have asked people to 'stay at home' but the speed at which the lockdown was announced and actioned gave school no time to prepare for the closure to most pupils. Please use your 'once-a-day' exercise allowance to walk to school and collect a home learning pack for your child as detailed.

### 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, we have a very 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](mailto:t.heywood@limehurst.oldham.sch.uk) or 0161 7703140.

Loan of school IT devices and free Vodafone mobile broadband will be available for collection on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January (morning). As above, 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 eligible pupils during lockdown

As stated in the previous correspondence, school is still waiting for further guidance from the DfE and Oldham Council. As soon as we receive further information we will update parents/carers. In the meantime, Mr Wilson (Associate Headteacher) will answer any questions or queries ([leadershipIW@outlook.com](mailto: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: [nurseryHCLN@outlook.com](mailto:nurseryHCLN@outlook.com)  
Reception: Mrs Roberts and Miss Ratcliffe: [receptionJRAR@outlook.com](mailto:receptionJRAR@outlook.com)  
Class 4: Mrs Duffy: [class4DD@outlook.com](mailto:class4DD@outlook.com)  
Class 5: Miss Simpson: [class5NS@outlook.com](mailto:class5NS@outlook.com)  
Class 6: Mrs Douglas: [class6HD@outlook.com](mailto:class6HD@outlook.com)  
Class 7: Mr Todd: [class7MT@outlook.com](mailto:class7MT@outlook.com)  
Class 8: Mrs Pazos: [class8JP@outlook.com](mailto:class8JP@outlook.com)  
Class 9: Mrs Hirst and Mrs Wright: [class6JH@outlook.com](mailto:class6JH@outlook.com)  
Class 10: Mr Dickinson: [class10SD@outlook.com](mailto:class10SD@outlook.com)  
Class 11: Miss Rourke and Mrs Wood: [class11RR@outlook.com](mailto:class11RR@outlook.com)  
Class 12: Mrs Atherton: [class12MA@outlook.com](mailto:class12MA@outlook.com)

Parents/carers may also use the existing School Facebook pages as a further tool for home school communication (Limehurst Primary School Oldham Facebook Group).

## Pastoral, SEN & Safeguarding links

Associate Headteacher/ Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mr Wilson: [leadershipIW@outlook.com](mailto:leadershipIW@outlook.com)  
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Hirst: [leadershipJH@outlook.com](mailto:leadershipJH@outlook.com)  
Assistant Headteacher/ Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Wright: [leadershipDW@outlook.com](mailto:leadershipDW@outlook.com)  
Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCO: Mrs Taylor: [safeguardingLT@outlook.com](mailto:safeguardingLT@outlook.com)

The school office is still available on [info@limehurst.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@limehurst.oldham.sch.uk)

All school information will be circulated on the school website, via Parent Mail and existing School Facebook Pages.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

***M Roberts***

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Head teacher

