

## OLDHAM COUNCIL



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Head teacher  
Mr M Roberts

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Re- New Spring term start date, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

We appreciate that, due to recent government announcements and information from teaching unions, this has not been a restful weekend for yourselves or your children.

We also understand that some parents and families may be concerned about the recent government announcements regarding the reopening of schools and the implications for us here at Limehurst.

**At this point in time (based on a whole school risk assessment conducted today, 3/1/2021), Limehurst is set to reopen to all year groups on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January as planned.**

Oldham current infection rates based on the last set of data available between Christmas and New Year places Oldham 290<sup>th</sup> in the country (of 326 upper and lower tier local authority areas). The rate of infection up to 29<sup>th</sup> December for Oldham was 215.5 per 100,000, which, although high, is significantly below both the regional and national average. We are not yet seeing the rapid increases in case numbers in Oldham which are being observed in some other areas of the country. We know this is a dynamic position and we will continue to use the data to determine our local approach.

**Regular school risk assessments will be conducted and the results/outcomes conveyed to parents and carers at the earliest opportunity.**

**To reiterate, the spring term begins on Monday 4th January 2021 for all pupils- current *usual* COVID bubble start times still apply.**

**COVID reminder: please wear a face mask/covering if you visit the school office. The 'entrance area' is a small confined space with little ventilation. A face mask is essential to mitigate potential transmission.**

Let's work together!  
Yours sincerely,

M Roberts

Head teacher

