

5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Families

### **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - SCHOOL CLOSURE**

**The Prime Minister announced last night that a new [National Lockdown](#) will come into force at 00:01 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January. This means that school has closed today for the majority of pupils.**

**As before, during this lockdown only vulnerable children and children of critical workers will be able to attend school.**

- School hours will be 9:00am – 3:20pm, Monday to Friday as usual.
- Vulnerable children include children who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plans, on child protection plans, 'looked after' children, young carers, disabled children and those with education health care plans (EHC)
- Children with at least one parent or carer who is [listed as a critical worker](#) are eligible for a school place.

**If you are a critical worker and have not yet informed us that your child will need to attend school, either full time or part time, please do so as a matter of urgency. In order to organise staff rotas the deadline for receiving this information is 9:30am tomorrow (06.01.21).**

At this point we are still awaiting further detailed guidance and information and will update you as soon as we hear anything.

**For pupils at home, education will now be provided via remote learning. Teachers will be setting work for pupils via the school website and Purple Mash and will be in touch with you soon to explain how it will all work.**

To make it easier, most of the resources can be accessed via a smart phone as well as laptops/tablets, etc. We understand that some of you won't have access to digital devices or the internet so please let us know as soon as possible if you require any printed resources.

Please understand that this is a national closure so while it is an incredibly challenging situation, we are not alone. We will keep you informed of any further developments via text and the school website, but for now stay safe and look out for each other.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Lisa and the whole school team at Luddenden CE School**