



5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to you following the Government's announcement last night re school closure and the new national lockdown, to update you on Lydford Primary.

I am sorry to be writing to you again so soon on this subject. However, as you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced a new national lockdown because of rising infection rates of Covid-19 and to try to prevent the further spread of the virus.

As part of this, all primary schools, secondary schools and colleges in England, including Lydford, are to be closed from today until at least the end of half term in February, except for children of critical/key workers or vulnerable children. Nurseries are able to remain open.

**From today:**

**If you or your partner is a key worker, or if your child is classed as vulnerable, then the school will remain open** and we look forward to seeing them in school as normal for teaching and learning.

As you know, we have worked incredibly hard since the start of the pandemic in March to keep our school as safe as possible and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the safety measures in place at our school:

- Pupils and staff are expected to remain in their allocated bubble
- Students will wash and sanitize their hands regularly throughout the day
- Pupils will be distanced at much as possible in the classroom
- Full school uniform is required (with extra layers for warmth and trainers for PE)
- Lunches – *more details to follow shortly*

We will be trying to work with windows open in classrooms for ventilation. As the cold days have returned, pupils may need a few more layers of clothing such as a fleece or extra sweatshirt to keep warm.

**For all other pupils, our school is closed until at least the end of the February half-term.** High-quality remote learning will be provided to make sure they continue to receive a consistent education. We know that this places pressure on you at a difficult time but your support in helping your child engage with the remote learning as much as possible is so important and we are very grateful for it.

We will continue to stay in touch with you on this matter, and about your child's education. However, if you have any questions, or if you require any support relating to these new arrangements, please email [admin@lydford-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@lydford-primary.devon.sch.uk).

I would once again like to take this opportunity to thank you wholeheartedly for your understanding and ongoing support in helping us to manage this unprecedented situation. Please continue to take care of each other and to stay safe.

With kindest regards,

Mrs Deirdre Petersen

Head of School