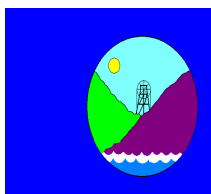


# LINGDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## “Working together to be the best we can be”



4th January 2021

Hello families and Happy New Year,

As I am sure you are aware Lingdale has now been placed under TIER 4 restrictions. Please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home> if you are unfamiliar with what these restrictions mean and how the law can be enforced.

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After extensive meetings and phone calls with advisors from the authority, and lengthy consultations with governors and staff members, we are pleased to announce that at the moment, we have the capacity to keep Lingdale Primary School open to ALL children from Reception to Y6 and for the children in Nursery who attend 30 hours and whose parents are key workers. However, we have had to take the difficult decision to close our Little Explorers ‘2 year old provision’ and Nursery until at least 18th January 2021. If your child is in Nursery or Little Explorers, a weekly welfare call will be made by Miss Schumm or Mrs Jones and weekly emails will also be sent with ideas of activities to try at home. The staff in these bubbles will focus their time on offering a more protected provision for those children in full time school.

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As always, staff at Lingdale want the very best for the children in their care and we feel that by staying open for full time children only, we can offer this. We know from the second Autumn term that school offers a protective environment for pupils- we were one of the only schools not to have a “burst bubble”- we believe this was down to rigid health and safety precautions taken by all staff. However, due to the new strain of the virus, we are having to make a few small but VITAL changes.



If these new changes are not adhered to, we may have no option other than to CLOSE the school other than for key workers and vulnerable children. Remote learning will be provided for all other children. The following updates are below;

- Two Year Old and Nursery Provision –CLOSED until the 18th January 2021
- The front office is ONLY accessible in emergencies and in case of a serious safeguarding concern. Please use virtual communication for all other messages to staff or the office. If you have an emergency or safeguarding concern, ONLY ONE PERSON will be able to access the front entrance and parents MUST NOT arrive with another household.
- General dropping off/ collection of children at the start/end of the day- only ONE member of a family to be present. Children Must continue to arrive to school with clean hands and uniform.
- Face coverings MUST BE WORN when on the school site- members of the senior leadership team will offer masks to anyone not wearing one.
- Please collect your youngest children first (Reception – KS1) at 2.55pm and LEAVE THE PREMISES PROMPTLY after collecting any older children at 3pm. Please note children in Key stage 2 will now be finished at 3pm not 3.05pm.
- Please ensure you are prompt when collecting your children – it is not acceptable for groups to be waiting near the office door. If you are running late, a phone call MUST be made to the office on 01287 651723.
- Nothing to brought into school from home including book bags.
- All packed lunches MUST be brought in a disposable carrier bag which will be disposed of at school. School can provide packed lunch children with a drink.
- After School Clubs will be cancelled until further notice and non – essential visitors will be discouraged from entering school.
- Children in Y5 & 6 are encouraged to walk home from school to avoid parents waiting around for older children.
- All staff except Senior Leadership Team will remain inside at the end of the day. Please communicate by email or text. We want to hear your news and we want to help so please do keep in touch.

The children at Lingdale primary were truly amazing at following procedures and supporting each other in the autumn term. Amongst all of the challenges, it was a successful time for our children but as always we MUST continue to put in place measures to protect not only the children, families but also the staff. As you will be aware in the media, unions have advised school staff members not to attend work and as a school we will continue to monitor the infection rates in our area. I cannot guarantee that I will always have the capacity of staff to keep school open but providing we follow the protocols, we are able to welcome back most children from tomorrow. Further updates and information of any changes will be issued regularly. Members of the leadership team will be outside the school at the start and end of the day to check that these protocols are being followed. It is hoped that these arrangements will allow us to keep the school open but this could change if we are instructed to close by the local authority or there are serious breaches of the above protocols. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the return to school, please don't hesitate to email the school office on [office@lingdale.org](mailto:office@lingdale.org).

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