

March 19th 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE - SCHOOL CLOSURE TO MOST PUPILS

You will have heard that schools have now been instructed to **close to almost all children from 3pm tomorrow (Friday 20th March) until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will be doing all we can to stay open for children with an EHCP' children with a social worker, and children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services). As yet we don't know what this will look like, as we are awaiting further guidance. It would help us, however, if you could let us know if you think your child may fall in to this category. Please email admin@luddenden-ce.calderdale.sch.uk or phone us. We will be in touch again as soon as we are sure who this applies to.

All other children will need to stay at home from Monday, so we ask that you do not send your child in to school from Monday March 23rd onwards.

What we will continue to do whilst your child is at home

We have had time to prepare for this over the last week or so and staff have got plenty of things for your children to be doing at home to keep them up to speed with all things educational.

- Today or tomorrow your child will be sent home with class learning activities.
- Learning packs, links to educational websites and other resources have also been added to the school website. Please support your child/ren where you can. We know this isn't always going to be easy but we know you'll do your best. Remember your child doesn't get 1:1 teaching for 6 hours a day so bear this in mind and let them do some things on their own.

If your child receives free school meals we will also be in touch with more information about how we are going to provide this, with support from the government.

Whilst the school is closed, our duty and responsibility to safeguarding our pupils remains. If you have any safeguarding concerns whilst the school is closed, for your child or for any other pupil from the school, please contact head@luddenden-ce.calderdale.sch.uk or sharon.parker@luddenden-ce.calderdale.sch.uk. Alternatively you can call the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Team (MAST) directly on 01422 393336.

Our admin email will also be open as usual so that emails can be passed on. We still be using teacher2parents texting service. So, whilst our staff are well its business as usual in an unusual way!

We will keep you informed of further developments today and beyond but for now stay safe and look out for each other.

We thank you for your support.

Best wishes from the whole staff at Luddenden CE School.