

# COVID – 19 – Lock Down Guidance – January 2021

I am sure many of you share my frustration that we find ourselves in this position again. I have been personally so grateful for the support from the whole school community over the past 10 months – through the initial lock down, gradual return to school and then full re-opening. I have really enjoyed ‘good mornings’ and ‘have a nice day/evening’s and brief conversations whilst on the gate each day. I know that we are all going to have to dig deep this time for that extra energy needed to get us through this new lock down, but as a school community I am confident we can do it. Please take care and feel free to ask for support or clarification if you are at all worried about things.

## **Please be Extra Vigilant:**

**We are already aware of a number of our school community testing positive for COVID – 19. Far more than we have had since the start of the pandemic. Please be extremely careful in regards to your own health but also in terms of sending children in to school. If you are worried in any way about your child’s health in terms of a possible COVID infection then please do not send them in to school. Having to close a Key Worker bubble in school would have a knock on effect on both in school and Home schooling content.**

## **Key Worker information**

- Please see the criteria in regards to status as a Key Worker.
- Verification letter or email from employer will be needed to validate status
- Check with school office regarding key worker places available, do not just send your child.
- All those who attended school during the first initial lockdown in March are still able to attend.

## **School Day Timings:**

- Staggered starts will be suspended during lock down with the school day reverting to:
  - 8:55a.m. – 3:15p.m.

## **One Way System**

- This will operate as normal, even with reduced numbers

## **School Uniform:**

- All pupils attending school should be in school uniform as usual.
- You may also find it helpful to keep the routine of wearing school uniform if Home Schooling.

### **Physical Education:**

- If your child is physically in school, then class teachers will inform you as to whether they will need to wear PE kit on a particular day.

### **Website Changes:**

- General information regarding COVID updates will be uploaded to the Coronavirus tab
- Home Schooling content and guidance will be uploaded to the Home Schooling Tab
- There will also be a 'Home Schooling Tech Support' tab. This will include some support videos on how to access more unfamiliar aspects of Microsoft Teams, as and when this is needed.

### **Home Schooling:**

- Weekly timetable will be uploaded to your child's Year Group folder. This timetable will outline which lessons will have Microsoft Teams support and what the objectives for these lessons are.
- In-school learning and Microsoft Teams learning will be synchronised so that all children are covering the same work over the lock down period.

### **Microsoft Teams sessions will include:**

- Lesson introductions/explanations (to larger groups)
- Smaller support group sessions or availability to ask face to face questions (where possible)
- Daily input for Maths, Literacy and one other curriculum area (see relevant year group timetables)
- Additional support via email and Team's messaging

### **Work will be posted in a number of ways:**

- Uploaded to the relevant Year Group folder on the website
- Posted to the 'Files' section of your child's Microsoft Teams account.
- Set as an assignment through Microsoft Teams.
- Class teachers will advise in regards to the location of learning content

### **Contacting Class Teachers**

- You can contact your child's teacher through the email addresses listed in the relevant Year Group folders.
- Response times may vary dependent on whether in-school or online sessions are being delivered