



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Re: Second Lockdown and Guidance

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for writing to you over the weekend, but given the Prime Minister's briefing yesterday, I wanted to reaffirm our stance at Our Lady's moving forward. I know that many of you might be worried and concerned about the implications of a second lockdown for your families. If this is the case, please do speak to either myself, or a member of staff at the school in the strictest confidence. As a community school, we have the opportunity to support each other in these really trying circumstances, so please don't think twice about approaching us.

As far as the logistics of running the school is concerned, it's really clear that the expectations are that all children should be attending. The only reasons for absence would be if they, or a member of their family has symptoms of Covid-19. If this is the case, please inform the school office. This will mean that we not only have a picture of how Covid is moving in our community, but also so that we can ensure work is set for the children to complete. For wider information about our contingency plans, please see the plan sent home at the end of last term. I am confident that school remains the safest place for the children to be and, because of your support, they have settled well into the new routines. We will continue with the staggered starts, breaks, lunches and finishing times until further notice and will ensure that we are continuing to clean our school, keep high standards of hygiene in our practices and limit the risk of the virus spreading. On this note, I would now ask that all parents and carers wear face masks on dropping off and picking up, as there are times when the school is becoming busier – especially in the mornings. Thankyou in anticipation of this. We'll continue to monitor our systems in school so that we reduce risk and keep everyone as safe as we can.

Lastly, with the weather turning far more inclement, children will need to be wearing coats – we'll want to get them outside during their breaks and lunches as much as possible. We'll manage the cloakrooms to ensure that they don't become overcrowded.

I look forward to seeing you during my gate duties this week and do hope that half term wasn't completely washed out! Enjoy the rest of your weekend.

With warm wishes,

Paul Barber
Headteacher