

5th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, last night the Prime Minister called for a nationwide lockdown from 00.01 on Wednesday 6th January. Please disregard communication sent yesterday about return to school this week. As such, Critical Worker (was Keyworker) and vulnerable children are able to access provision within school.

It has been made clear that it is safer to stay at home, but we recognise that for some parents they will need to work outside of the home, and we will be able to offer places for their children in school. We will then prioritise places in school to students who have been risk assessed as the most vulnerable, where parents would like their child to attend. We will then consider other students whose parents would like them to attend school, if there is staffing available to maintain high levels of health and safety.

We will continue to provide a high level of education and support through remote learning and support for those students who are at home. We recognise that some students will find remote learning more difficult, either due to a lack of resources at home, or due to their unique learning styles. As such, we will be able to provide bespoke support for families, including some training for parents, if needed. The form has a section regarding this, and we will contact parents individually following the return of the form if further support is needed.

Students will access the same provision in school as on site, and will be using technology within school. There will be limited members of staff on site, and we will replicate the learning both in school and on line.

We have put together a form to complete [here](#), and would ask that all parents complete this form as soon as possible, and by 09.00am Wednesday 6th January at the latest. Except for those parents who have already been called today, these places will begin on Thursday 8th January, which will enable us to organise staffing, timetables and groupings for those students who will be in school.

We have been informed that Lateral Flow Covid testing will continue for those members of staff and students in school, and would ask that if you are requesting a place for your child, that you complete and return the form sent yesterday, if you have not already done so. Please remember to email admin@lighthouseschool.co.uk to confirm if you are not consenting to your child having the tests. These tests will take place, following Wellbeing support, on the morning that the student first attends school, and will be repeated at least three days later. Further details on this will be given to parents whose children are coming into school.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. This is not the start to the year that we were expecting, but we are working together to ensure that we are providing the best education that we are able to do so at this time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need to. You can email your child's key worker if you need to ask a question.

Please feel free to email if you need to ask anything further about this letter.

Yours

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