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New Lockdown, January 2021

Dear parents and carers

Events are moving quickly! Having spent yesterday planning for re-opening today, staff are now setting up remote learning for the lockdown, which will last for at least the remainder of this half term.

As you are aware, all schools are now closed and are moving to remote learning. We are open for the provision of education to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers whose parents and carers submit a request via our online form.

Remote learning

We appreciate that remote learning is much more difficult for children, for staff and for parents and carers but we encourage children to do their best and to keep up with their learning. We strongly urge our parents and carers to ensure their children complete schoolwork daily as well as read regularly. We are asked by the government to check weekly to see which children are engaging with their learning and to inform parents immediately where engagement is a concern. We are keen to support your child's learning, so do please contact the school office if you are experiencing difficulties so that we can help.

Our tool for remote learning is *Google Classroom*. We have emailed your child's login details separately and will also be sending some help guides for using this website.

Now that we are more experienced in using this site, we will be looking to arrange occasional live sessions for pupils. We will send out further information about this.

Provision for critical workers

We will be working on this today in light of responses for parents. (If you are a critical worker and want your child to come to school please ensure that you complete the form, via the link emailed yesterday, as soon as possible and by 4pm today at the latest. If your circumstances have changed in light of the news last night and you wish to alter your requirements, you can re-submit your details via the same form).

Once we have the responses we will email parents with details of the provision. The start and end times will be 8:45am and 3:20pm. If your child is attending school, you can also book before and after school provision with Castle Club.

Continuity

To help the children feel connected to their school, we will continue with some of our assembly patterns. From next week, there will be a weekly video assembly on Mondays and a celebration slideshow on Fridays.

Safeguarding and child protection concerns

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child during this period of school closure, please contact our school office who can direct you to our Family Worker or a member of our safeguarding teams.

Alternatively, you can contact Luton Council's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub [here](#).

Compared to pupils in many other schools, our children did very well at keeping up with their learning in the last lockdown so we are confident that they will be producing good work on Google Classroom this term.

Yours faithfully

Mr Hunt