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Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupil Learning moving to Remote Learning for most pupils

In line with the government directive, it was with great sadness and a heavy heart that we will be only able to offer remote learning to the majority of children from today. However, I do hope that as a community we will work together to support each other and look after the wellbeing and education of our children just as we have been doing throughout this pandemic. I want to reassure you that we will keep you updated regularly through our website and email communication.

Please reiterate to your children that even though the building is closed, that 'school' is still going on (as their new school will be at their home).

As you are aware from the letter I sent out this afternoon, some classes were already going to be accessing remote learning. This will now be the case for all pupils unless they are eligible for a key worker place or your child is classed as vulnerable. Please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> to see if your child is eligible.

Confirming a Key Worker Child place

If you are a key worker and need a place, please text the Covid phone by 7pm this evening so that a place can be allocated. The telephone number is 07789 966223

In your text please state

- Your child's name
- Child's class
- Your place of employment
- Your job title

Allocation of Vulnerable Child Place

Your child is classed as a vulnerable child if they

- have an allocated social worker
- have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)
- or their family is open to Early Help
- are a Looked After Child

We have allocated a place automatically to these children and expect them to be in school as usual tomorrow.

Education Provision for Remote Learning

All teachers will be delivering online learning via Google Classroom and staff will be on a rota to support the Key Worker/Vulnerable children.



Attached is an outline of what a day will look like. Please note, your children need to log on to show they are present and engaging in the learning. If you have problems logging on, please email remotelearner@lowerplace.rochdale.sch.uk for support.

If your child is coming to school tomorrow please drop them off at your usual place. I will write to you tomorrow to update you of any amendments.

The last few days have been very challenging for all involved in education where we were having to make difficult decisions and decisions have been based on risk assessments, union guidance, LA and government expectations. The government announcement is welcome in many ways but we know how much being in school is important to children both academically and for their mental health.

We will continue to provide the best education we can through Google Classroom and support children and families in as many ways as we can.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support during these difficult times.

On behalf of everyone at Lowerplace - we look forward to welcoming everyone back, hopefully after February half term.

Take care and above all stay safe!

With kind regards



Ms Karen Martin
Headteacher