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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister last night regarding the forthcoming lockdown and new national COVID-19 measures, I am writing with a brief update.

As you will be aware, DLC is intent on supporting all families during this time and I will start my letter by please urging you to contact the office if you need any support on 01305 261213.

DLC will remain open for vulnerable and key worker students. My senior leadership team are currently working extremely hard to contact all members of our school community who are absent today to decipher plans for the next fortnight.

Lateral flow testing will occur tomorrow (6th January 2021) and therefore only students being tested will attend.

We will contact all parents again on Wednesday 13th January to make further decisions regarding the impact of the lockdown and possible access to schooling again.

Students that will be attending school for this fortnight (4th January 2021 to 15th January 2021) will receive more details tomorrow regarding their timetable and timings of the school day (via email). Whilst we are trying to work as closely to normal as possible, there possibly will be some disruption due to staffing issues.

For those families who choose to work remotely, DLC will support this decision and offer remote learning as per the instructions attached to this letter. Again, if you need support with this please contact David Dinsmore at d.dinsmore@dlc.dorset.sch.uk.

I have produced some answers to some frequently asked questions (please see attachment). If there is anything that is not stated, please do contact me on p.midworth@dlc.dorset.sch.uk

As the Prime Minister highlighted yesterday, this is going to be a testing time for all of the country especially in terms of financial pressures, mental health concerns and isolation. Please do reach out for support if you need to and we will try our best as always!

Please stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Phil Midworth
Headteacher

