



# Loudwater Combined School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of week four and the announcement that the earliest possible date for all pupils to return to school is 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, I wanted to write this letter on behalf of the Governing Board.

For the past eleven months our entire school community has had to show remarkable resilience, not just with regards to school life, but throughout our personal lives.

The start of this term could have been seen as chaotic with the last-minute changes and the partial closure of schools. However, with everyone in our school community working together we have seen those children at home being able to access remote learning. We do not underestimate the challenges that this has provided you at home, as well as how this has increased the workload for all staff of the school.

Whilst this week has seen an extension to the partial closure of schools and the continuation of the attendance in schools for vulnerable children and those children of key workers. I wanted to highlight that our risk assessment is in place and reviewed when necessary.

[http://www.loudwater.bucks.sch.uk/website/school\\_operation\\_and\\_remote\\_learning\\_-\\_spring\\_2021/532887](http://www.loudwater.bucks.sch.uk/website/school_operation_and_remote_learning_-_spring_2021/532887)

There is also a link on the website that provides information about what is meant by vulnerable pupils and critical workers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

This guidance identifies those who are defined as critical workers; this list has increased since the first lockdown. Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but it states that parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone within our school community, the senior leadership team, each member of staff, pupils and all of our parents for continually adapting to all of the changes.

Everyone's support has been inspiring and will be crucial throughout the rest of the challenging weeks ahead.

Yours faithfully,

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*Paul Randall*  
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Chair of Governors  
On behalf of the Governing Board

