

2nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I really hope that you and your family had a restful holiday and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy New Year. I know that I will not be alone in wishing for a different and easier year than 2020 and look forward to a time when we will return our community to the stability that now seems too long ago.

However, it is clear that this is not going to happen immediately. It feels a little like a revolving door – we have definitely been here before and once again the government has given very little notice to either yourselves, schools and all services surrounding schools to prepare for the changes.

As many of you will know the Government has announced that all schools in London will **delay their reopening until at least 18th January 2021**. I have had several meetings over the previous few days to try and arrange our response to this. The school will remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers.

Key points are as follows:

- Inset Days on Monday 4th and 5th of January 2021 will continue as planned
- The school will then move to remote learning from Wednesday 6th January 2021
- You will be sent further instructions on how to access remote learning
- For critical workers and vulnerable children there will be the provision to return to school from Wednesday 6th January 2021
- **Please use the link below to inform us if you are a critical worker or your child is in the vulnerable category and will require school provision from Wednesday 6th January 2021. The link is also available on the school website and must be completed for your application to then be assessed.**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3m4ILYC_XnSbcG_WFXyloQdvBr89206P3o3pumRi2Bhvk2A/viewform
- Children who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) who will not be attending school - we await instructions from the local authority

Gavin Williamson (Secretary of State for Education) was clear that the decision to move schools to remote learning is based on both the local infection rates and on local health care. We all have our part to play in ensuring rates decrease and pressure on the NHS is reduced. We have parents who are NHS workers and teachers and you are in my thoughts at this time.

Kind Regards,

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