

Thursday 31 December 2020

Dear parents

### **RE: School closure for the majority of pupils**

I hope that you have all managed to have a restful break over the winter holidays. I know it has been a difficult time for some people within our community and I would like to personally send you all my best wishes and hope that the new year will be a happy, healthy and safe one for all.

As I'm sure you may have heard, the government has announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary schools are required in certain areas. This includes Enfield. Therefore the school will be **closed for the majority of pupils** and high quality remote education will be provided instead. The school will be open full time for children of critical workers and those defined as vulnerable. These local measures will be kept under review by the government and will be reviewed again by 18 January 2021.

I am sure you will appreciate that there is a huge amount of planning involved in organising children of critical workers and children who are vulnerable to attend school as well as planning for the provision of high quality remote education for all other children. In order to plan for this the school will be closed for an **inset day on Monday 4 January 2021**. Therefore the school will be open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children from **Tuesday 5 January 2021**. Remote education for all other children will also start on this day.

A Parentmail form will be sent out shortly to all parents. Please complete and return the form if you are a critical worker parent and require full-time on-site provision. Please return the form by **midday on Saturday 2 January 2021** so we can organise the school and staffing accordingly.

### **Critical workers**

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors is outlined in the following sections:

#### **Health and social care**

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

#### **Education and childcare**

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

#### **Key public services**

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system

- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

#### **Local and national government**

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

#### **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

#### **Public safety and national security**

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

#### **Transport**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

#### **Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery

- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

### **Vulnerable children**

If you are a parent of a vulnerable child, someone in the leadership team will contact you on Monday 4 January 2021 to discuss your child attending school.

#### **Vulnerable children include those who:**

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services
  - adopted children, those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
  - those living in temporary accommodation, those who are young carers
  - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
  - others at the provider and local authority's discretion

I will be in contact in due course with further information on the arrangements from Tuesday 5 January 2021 for those families of critical workers and vulnerable children. Further information will also be sent out regarding remote learning for all other pupils.

Thank you all for your continued support during these unprecedented times. The school office emails will be monitored during our partial closure so do contact us if you have any questions or would like any support during this challenging time.

With my very best wishes to you and your families.

Tijen Hassan  
**Headteacher**