



Headteacher: Stav Stavrinou

Friday 1st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this finds you and your families well and that you have had a relatively enjoyable festive season.

You may have been hearing on the news that some schools will be opening in January and others will remain closed. Even though Haringey primary schools were not on the government list for extended closure, we are receiving reports from the local authority that due to the new COVID variant, the rate of infection incidents remains to be dangerously high, posing a high risk to our community.

As a school we continue to take the safety of our children, parents and staff very seriously. We also want to support many of our families who find themselves in difficult work situations under very challenging circumstances.

After much discussion with the local authority and other school partners, we have decided to take an additional training day on **Tuesday 5th January**, which would mean that children return to school on the **Wednesday 6th January**. This will give us time to make the school safe and evaluate the current rate of infections amongst children and staff.

If we find that the number of infections in our school is too high for opening then we will need to review the current plans **with a possible closure if necessary**. On Tuesday 5th January, you will be receiving further notification informing you of the final decision.

In the event of extended school closure, we will set up remote learning and the school will remain open only for key worker families and children who are in need of extra support. All other pupils will be expected to continue with their learning from home. Such details will be clarified only in the case of extended school closure.



We are aware that this information comes at a late stage and we apologise for any inconvenience caused. This is mainly due to a late notification by the Department of Education and a need to seriously consider all the important factors facing us in the given circumstances. I can assure you that many discussions and meetings have had to take place in order to reach this decision which has not been an easy one. We do hope that you understand the current position of the school and the difficult situation we find ourselves in.

We want to thank you once again for the great support you have shown us this year under such extremely challenging times. Without such a supportive school community and excellent staff team we would not have managed such a challenging year!

We thank you in advance and wish you a more positive and stable 2021.

Kind Regards,

Headteacher - Stav Stavrinou

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Chair of Governors - Andrew Bethell

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