



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

As you will know by now, there has been an announcement from the government about the arrangements for the start of this term. The details are as follows:

Week beginning 4th January:

Students from all year groups (including Year 11) stay at home unless they have been invited to school as part of the 'vulnerable children' cohort (which includes the ASD unit and the Complex Needs group as well as children who need extra support) or they are the children of 'critical workers' (please see definition below - remember, there must be no one at home to look after them in order to qualify for this). There will be remote education for everyone at home (see the school website for details). Year 11 will be receiving some live lessons but Years 7-10 will be set work to allow the staff to prepare for the mass testing arrangement that the government has requested going forward.

Can year 11 parents who are critical workers with no one at home to care for their child please email info@littleilford.org by Friday to let us know?

Week beginning 11th January:

Year 11 will return to school. However, we will need to confirm the details later as we don't know how the testing is going to work at present. The students should assume that they will be sitting their mock exams as we advised before the holiday. All other year groups will stay at home (apart from vulnerable students and children of critical workers - see above) but they will receive some live lessons.

Week beginning 18th January:

As things stand, it appears that years 7-10 will remain at home because Newham's levels of Covid 19 are so high, but we will keep you informed about this.

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There is a very real chance that in areas of high infection children will not return to school for an extended period. You need to make your child aware that it is vitally important for them to engage in online learning as this might be all they get for some time.

Vulnerable children/children of critical workers

These children should arrive and depart at the usual time for their year group but they will use the Rectory Road gate. They should wear full school uniform. They will be given a lunch at school.

Free School Meals

On Monday our finance staff will be arranging for vouchers to be sent out for those who are not coming into school.

Critical Worker definition

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 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*



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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.

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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*

We apologise for the short notice and recognise the difficulty these arrangements may cause parents. We will update you again soon regarding the proposed return to school on January 18th of all students.

Feel free to contact me on info@littleilford.org to discuss any specific questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time for us all.

Ian Wilson
Headteacher