



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Sorry for the length of this letter. By now you will probably be aware of the government's announcement yesterday about the start of next term. Details of their mass testing programme are still fuzzy but we do know the following:

1. Year 11 will be back in school from the fourth of January. Their remaining mocks will start on the second week back.
2. We will be inviting the children who are classed on our system as 'vulnerable' from years 7-10 to come in from the 4th. You will receive a parentmail if your child is in this group. Children in the ASD unit and children with complex needs from all year groups will be welcome in school from the 4th and so will not receive a parentmail.
3. If you are a 'critical worker' (see definition below) **and there is no one else at home to look after your child**, please inform the office on [info@littleilford.org](mailto:info@littleilford.org) by Monday at 3pm.
4. The rest of years 7 to 10 won't come into school until the 11th of January but will be involved in remote learning from home during the first week of term. Please find all of the information you need about our Remote Learning Protocols on the school website. It has taken a lot of time to get everything together and troubleshoot all of the technology, so we thank you for your patience and support.

Here is the link to the parent information:

<https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/parents-students-parents/parents/remote-learning-and-live-lessons-for-parents>

And here is the link to the student information:

<https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/parents-students-parents/students/remote-learning-procedures-and-instructions-for-students>

5. There will be some kind of mass-testing programme for all students on the week beginning the 4th of January. At the moment we don't know how this will look but we will let you know what is happening as soon as we have the information.

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The definition of 'critical worker' can be found here:

*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*

### **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)*



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## **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*

I hope that all of you have a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year.

Ian Wilson  
Headteacher

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