



RAVENOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Apologies for contacting you on New Year's Eve, but I wanted to keep you updated as soon as possible.

Following the announcement from the Government last night that Ealing has been listed as an area of high transmission rates for Covid-19, we are now being asked to close the school, but remain open for only children of critical workers and vulnerable children (as per government criteria). As this information has come to schools very late, we will need the time to prepare teaching for all children, both in and out of school, and also communicate with parents and guardians about how to register places for their children, should they meet the criteria. As a result, school will be open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children from **Tuesday 5th January, between 8.45am and 3.00pm, for children in Reception, through to Year 6.** Teachers and staff will be using Monday 4th January as an INSET day, where staff will be in school preparing to ensure that children are taught as effectively and as safely as possible.

If you meet the criteria and would like your child/children to attend school from Tuesday 5th January, please email admin@ravenor.ealing.sch.uk, as soon as you can, stating your occupation, confirming that you are a critical worker (as defined by the government list), your child's full name, year group, class and what days you require your child to attend school. Please note that we are not able to provide a breakfast or after school club provision at this time. Please email proof of your occupation or bring this with you on Tuesday 5th January. The advice is for people to stay at home where possible. If one parent is a critical worker and the other parent is able to provide childcare, then in this instance, you should not be sending your child to school.

We have been asked to offer on-site places to all Ravenor **pupils in these groups only**

- If your child has an EHCP (used to be called a Statement)
- If you are currently under a Child Protection Plan or Child in Need plan and working with Social Services (this will remain confidential).
- **If you are a sole parent or if both parents are critical workers** and you need to continue to work to keep our country fighting this virus. The Government has produced guidance on this. Examples of critical workers include: nurses, doctors, school staff, police officers, social workers, delivery drivers etc. **You will have to show your staff pass/payslip to prove your occupation when you register your child by telephone or email.**

Please see below for the link to the government website re: definition of critical workers and vulnerable children. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>



Children who do not meet the criteria, and as a result should stay at home, will be taught by their teacher and or year groups staff, via Google Classroom. Learning and live lessons will start from Tuesday 5th January.

Both myself and Ms. Harrison will be in school from Monday 4th January. Please do telephone the school from this date, should you prefer to register your child over the phone or should you have any further questions. We will be following up with phone calls across the next two weeks, to ensure that children are able to access their learning and to support, where we can. We are all really sad to not be welcoming all of our children back from Monday, but the safety of our whole community is paramount at the moment.

Further information regarding provision for families who are eligible for free school meals, will be sent out shortly. Please note that school meal vouchers and home deliveries are not being provided to schools on this occasion. If your child will be attending school, they will receive a free school meal if they are in Reception, Year One or Year Two. If your child is not in any of these year groups and meets the criteria for attending school, then please continue to pay for your child's meals, via the online payment system.

Please be reminded that if any adult or child is unwell and/or is displaying any of the Covid-19 symptoms, they must not come to school; they should remain at home and organise to be tested. Please keep the school well-informed, if you, or anyone in your household have tested positive for Covid-19 or are isolating. If you have travelled from outside of the UK over the Christmas holidays, please ensure that you follow the quarantine guidance and do not attend school or leave your house, until this period has ended.

Please also remember to wear a face covering at all times, when entering the school site, and please do not enter the building.

Thank you as always for your generous support and patience and I wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L Lobo
Head Teacher

