



Saturday 2nd January 2021

New term arrangements

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all; we hope you have all had a relaxing and safe break.

On 1st January 2021, primary schools in Lewisham were directed to remain closed after the Christmas holiday to the majority of pupils due to the extremely high COVID-19 infection rate within our borough. We understand that this decision will be reviewed by the government on the 18th of January, in line with the latest information on infection rates at that time. Please be aware that our nursery will also be closed.

The advice is that where possible parents keep children at home.

We will be following government expectations that only **children of critical workers** and **vulnerable pupils who have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)**; those **with an assigned Social Worker** or **other circumstances listed at the link below** can attend school during this time.

The identified list of vulnerable children and critical workers can be found using the link below:

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools](#)

In two parent households where only one parent is a critical worker we ask that children are kept at home as this will help to reduce infection rate more quickly.

Critical worker provision

School will be open for critical workers and vulnerable children from 8:45am until 3:15pm. We will be unable to provide school lunches, so children will need to bring a packed lunch.

We will be providing breakfast club from 7:30am and after school club until 5pm each day. Please be aware that you will need to pay for these sessions.

As teachers will be at home providing online lessons for children, our critical worker provision will be supervised by teaching assistants. The critical worker children will access the Zoom lessons from school. In line with our risk assessment, the children will be in year group bubbles for the school day.

If you need a critical worker place for your child, please email Michelle Pay on mpay@fairlawnschool.net with evidence of your critical worker status attached. Please also let us know if you require a place at breakfast club or after school club.

Please email by 10am on Monday 4th January. Michelle will confirm your place by 3pm on Monday.

Arrangements for Online Learning.

On Monday evening, you will receive an email with a timetable for Tuesday. There will be no live lessons on Tuesday as the teachers will be preparing learning for the rest of the week.

On Tuesday evening, you will receive all the information you need for your child to access the online learning. We will let you know when the resource packs are ready to be collected from school.

With the whole school being at home, the number of devices we have is limited, but if you do need to borrow a device from school, please email Hannah Thomson on hthomson@fairlawnschool.net by 10am on Monday 4th January.

Please be aware that attendance to these Zoom lessons is statutory. We take a register in the morning based on attendance and an afternoon register based on who submits learning. If your child is unwell, please let the office know that they will not be attending the sessions on that day.

Thank you for your understanding and your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school soon.

Hania Ryans



Head teacher