



31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government announcement last night, I am writing to inform you that the school is closed to the majority children until at least Monday 18th January 2021. This is due to the rising infection levels in Ealing.

As you are aware already Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January are staff training days. From Wednesday 6th January, the school is only open to vulnerable children and to children of parents whose work is critical to the Coronavirus response.

If your child attended school as a key worker child during the last lockdown and you require your child to attend from Wednesday 6th January please email the school on admin@durdans-park.ealing.sch.uk by Friday 1st January, 4.00pm. If your child did not attend during the last lockdown and you need your child to attend as you are a critical worker please also email the school to let us know. We will need to know your role, name of workplace and contact details of your employer to allow us to contact them to confirm your status as a critical worker.

It is not compulsory for Critical workers' children to attend school next week. It is an emergency service for childcare provision, and if children can be at home safely because there is adequate care, then this is what must happen. Many parents working in these sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. It is very important that we protect our children and our staff during this time.

Therefore the school is "open" to these groups only and will deploy the minimum level of staffing, and expose the minimum number of people to risk. As our class teachers will be organising and managing the remote learning for children in their class, children in school will be supported by a rota of teachers, that will not necessarily be their class teacher and support staff.

I shall write to you all on Monday regarding the remote learning.

Please could you let the school know by 4.00pm tomorrow (Friday 1st January) via the office email if you are a critical worker and your child needs to attend school.



Many thanks for your understanding in these unprecedented times.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Duhig
Headteacher

