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The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation
Executive Headteacher: Mr. Mickey Kelly

3rd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Update regarding the government announcement for primary schools

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 COVID19 infection rate within our borough. We understand that this decision will be reviewed by the government on 18th January, in line with the latest information on infection rates at that time.

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 is attached, and the updated list of critical workers can be found via the link below:

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

If you fall into any of the above categories, we are asking you to complete and return the attached questionnaire as soon as possible and **no later than 11am on Monday 4th January**. Please email this to admin@ggibbons.lewisham.sch.uk. This will enable us to plan staffing and catering so that we can give your children the best possible care at this difficult time. We will then contact you to let you know if your child will be able to attend school and when you should bring them in. You must not bring your child to school until you have heard from us.

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.

School will be closed to all children on Monday 4th January to allow us to put plans in place for these new arrangements.

Please note that the arrangements for Breakfast club will remain the same for those children who will be attending school should they need that service.

Further information about provision for **all** children during this period will be sent out on Monday. Teachers are working hard to get a package of online learning ready for your children.



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As we have advised previously, if your children will be attending school, please do not send them in if they, or any member of their household, develop any of the COVID symptoms.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Dean Gordon

Head of School
Grinling Gibbons Primary