



CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Yesterday afternoon, the Government announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of Covid-19, restrictions to primary education would be required in certain areas of the country. Following the Government announcement, a list of the geographical areas where the new guidance applies was published online. Ealing is listed as one of the areas required to follow these new measures and therefore **Christ the Saviour will only be open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children at the start of our new term**, with all other children accessing remote learning. We understand the Government will review this decision by the 18th January 2021.

This information has come as a surprise to staff who were looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school next week but we recognise the need to follow these new guidelines, support our health services and reduce local transmission rates in Ealing.

Remote Learning

We worked hard on our remote learning plans over the summer following the extended period of school closure for many pupils in the Summer Term and the abandonment of the National Curriculum. We have been very pleased with the positive feedback from parents whose children have accessed our remote learning provision this academic year and this gives us encouragement that we are going into this next period of closure much better prepared and with the knowledge of what has worked well so far, particularly in our Broadway classes. Staff are very keen to support children who we know will be as disappointed as we are not to be returning to school as they had expected next week. Some information about our remote learning can be found on our school website here: <https://ctsprimary.org.uk/curriculum/teaching-learning/remote-learning/> and more information will be sent next week.

We ask parents to use the plans set out on the website for 'short term isolation' for the **first day of term on Monday 4th January**, as this will give our teaching staff time to work together to adapt their planning for this term and ensure the activities are suited to remote learning. Class teachers will then communicate with you towards the end of the day on Monday to give you more detailed information about our expectations for remote learning, how you can support your child, how frequently they should be accessing their learning and what to do if you or your child needs more support. Engagement in remote learning is now compulsory and class teachers will be working hard to ensure that every child is adequately supported to work at home.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children (Nursery to Year 6)

The school will be open for children of critical workers and children with an EHCP or a social worker from **Tuesday 5th January**. These children will complete the same work as their peers set by their

class teacher. To help us plan adequate staffing to cover for these groups of children we ask that parents complete the google document in the link below. We require this information by 4pm on Friday, 1st January 2021. The Government expectation is that this group of children will attend school full time for 5 days a week. Parents who are reporting an absence should do so in the usual way and attendance will be marked accordingly.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexQFrNwGUA0jBOXNF08bIXt3edh9nxnCS8GYsIKbQ2keL-Q/viewform>

We are very aware of the challenges this unexpected closure will bring to many families and we are keen to support you as best we can. We know that our regular food bank has been appreciated by many families and we will provide dates for the Spring Term food banks next week along with details about how families in receipt of both universal free school meals and benefits related free school meals can access food parcels.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,
Mrs Tramoni