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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are managing as well as can be expected during these difficult times. I want to reassure you that we are looking forward to having children back when it is safe to do so. Whilst we know that schools are the best place for the provision of children's learning this has to be balanced with the significant public health concerns we are all facing.

The Government has announced that all primary schools in London should move to online learning until 18 January.

Our number one priority remains the health and safety of our children, our staff and their families. We have undertaken risk assessments in order to determine whether there is sufficient staffing to continue to open to all children or only vulnerable children and those of key workers.

We will continue to review risk assessments over the following days and weeks and will update you of any changes.

Having considered the risk assessments thoroughly the school will only remain open to vulnerable children and the children of key workers between 9am to 3.30pm. Please complete the on-line survey <https://s.surveypal.com/k3owPhtfb> to register a place for your child. We may not be able to offer you all the hours or days that you need we and ask for your patience with us while we work out what is possible to make it as fair and equitable as we can. Successful applicants will be contacted directly with further detail.

We have also reviewed our risk assessments and guidance, informed by Public Health to ensure our protective measures continue to reduce the risk of transmission and potential hazards. Children will remain in their bubbles and all previous protocols remain. All key worker and vulnerable children bubbles will be operating from our ground floor. Additional cleaning measures and distancing protocols have been put in place.

Home learning and keeping in touch arrangements

Online learning is available for all children, as whole classes, groups and/or individually as appropriate to their needs. It is expected that all children will participate fully in our blended learning approach. Registration will continue to take place twice daily where our teachers and staff are looking forward to



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seeing all our children. Please support your child with their online blended learning. Please let your teacher know if you have any concerns or issues.

Our regular assemblies will continue and families are welcome to join us. I look forward to seeing you there.

All children working on site will be supported with their online blended learning programme by our learning support assistants. Teachers will be working from home using our blended learning approach.

Public Health advice is that:

Children who are considered [extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding](#) should continue to shield and are not expected to attend.

A minority of children fall into the clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) category. Parents should follow medical advice about attendance if your child is in this category.

Children under five who live in a household with someone who is [extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding](#) should not attend as they are unlikely to be able to socially distance.

Children who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the [social distancing guidance](#) and including those who are pregnant, can attend.

I completely understand that the closing of schools causes disruption and inconvenience for parents, our staff and their families. This will be a difficult time for us all and I urge you to carefully follow the public health precautions to keep you and your family safe

We will keep in touch with more information as appropriate, meanwhile if you have any further questions, queries or concerns please contact the school office who will be able to support you.

Best Wishes



Michelle Bahn
Headteacher