



Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you have heard the news this afternoon from Gavin Williamson that schools in areas with the highest infection rates of Coronavirus schools are being instructed to follow the "Contingency Framework for Education" until at least Monday 18th January. Kensington and Chelsea is one of the London Local Authorities that this applies to and so we will not be permitted to open for any but the most vulnerable children and children of critical workers.

Here are the links for more information on the instruction we have received:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/education-secretary-sets-out-school-contingency-plans-for-england>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-contingency-framework-for-education-and-childcare-settings>

As a Leadership Team we have planned for this eventuality (although we obviously hoped not to need to implement the plan). We will upload all learning for families on Sunday night for the week ahead and we will share the way in which teachers will be making contact with the children in a further letter that we will email to you and post on the website this weekend. It goes without saying that we will do all that we can to support you as much as possible over the next two weeks with the children's learning.

Gavin Williamson said the following in Parliament today:

"We know how vitally important it is for younger children to be in school for their education, well-being and wider development. In a small number of areas, where the infection rates are highest, we will implement our existing contingency framework such that only vulnerable children and children of critical workers will attend face to face".

I cannot agree more that school is vitally important for our children to flourish so this is a real blow (especially as we were able to maintain school face to face learning for the vast majority full time last term). Having said this, let us hope that the two-week delay to the start of term does make face to face school then safe and possible for the remainder of the term and then the academic year while the vaccine implementation effects begin to work.

We will be contacting parents and carers of children who we have records of fitting the criteria of being vulnerable or whose parents are critical workers to see if you require learning creche facilities over the next two weeks during school hours. If you feel that applies to your family and we may not know, or your circumstances have changed then please do contact Mrs. Webb [gwebb@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:gwebb@ccht.rbkc.sch.uk) and I so we can assess your situation (preferably tomorrow). Please look at the guidance below that pertains to this:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision>

Thank you as ever for your support in these very challenging times. We will work together with you to get through this new challenge that we have been given.

I hope that you have managed to have a good Christmas with your immediate families. Let's hope a Happy New Year will still come for all of us.

Best wishes,

Avis Hawkins