

Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear parents and carers

We are all caught up in a rather fast moving situation with regard to schools opening or closing at the moment. Last night Camden Council confirmed that **all Camden primary schools will be closed for pupils from Monday 4th January to Monday 18th January**. All learning will go online. The school will be open only to the children of critical workers and vulnerable children. This is due to the high and rising levels of coronavirus infection in Camden and across London.

On Monday 4th January school staff will prepare the online learning for your children and we will make all necessary arrangements for the key worker and vulnerable children.

From Tuesday 5th January your child should take part in daily learning from home.

We will provide two daily recorded taught lessons in writing and mathematics and a reading lesson. We will also provide work on a third subject every day. This third subject will be history, geography, science, PE or Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) education. In Reception the lessons will be slightly different to suit this younger age range. Your child will need access to a device, such as a laptop or iPad, and access to the internet.

If you do not have access to a device, such as a laptop or iPad, or access to the internet, please email the school office at admin@kingsgate-pri.camden.sch.uk or call the school office on Monday between 9.00 and 3.30 on 020 7624 5379.

The timetable for your child's Learning from Home lessons will be posted on the school website every day from Tuesday 5th January.

Please support your child to access the lessons but, once they are set up, please leave your child to take part in the lessons by themselves (unless they are very young). If you are having difficulty, please call or email the school.

Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Children

If you are a critical worker, or if your child is vulnerable, we will provide a school hub from **9.00 to 3.30 Monday to Friday from Tuesday 5th January**. The children who attend the school hub will complete the same online work as the children learning at home. They will be supervised by a teacher or an LSA.

You can check if your child qualifies for the school hub by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>

If you are a critical worker or believe that your child is vulnerable, and you would like your child to attend the school hub, please email the school office (admin@kingsgate-pri.camden.sch.uk) **by 5:30pm tomorrow Sunday 3rd January**. Please tell us what sort of work you do, who you work for, who your children are and what class they are in and what days you would like your child to attend the school hub. We will then get back to you.

We will also require you to email evidence **by 2.30 on Monday 4th January** from your employer stating that you are in critical worker category, that your specific role is necessary for the continuation of this essential public service and you will **NOT** be able to work from home. If you have a partner who is not in a critical worker category, we will not be able to provide a place at the school hub for you.

If your child attends the school hub they will receive a hot meal. If you are entitled to Free School Meals, this hot meal will be free. If you prefer your child to bring a packed lunch, please tell the school office. Children attending the hub are not required to wear school uniform.

For children entitled to Free School Meals who will be learning from home, we will be able to provide you with information about FSM vouchers next week.

Thank you all for your support and understanding. It is such a difficult time for parents, especially if you are working or looking after young children. I will do everything I can to help over the coming weeks. I will keep you all updated via the school website, and you can email us if you need help with anything.

Once a week you will receive a call from your child's teacher. They will also ask to speak to your child. This will be a No ID Caller call but please do pick up.

Warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Hayward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "L".

Liz Hayward
Headteacher