

Brindishe Green School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A happy new year to you all. We apologise in advance for emailing you over a weekend and during your break, but feel it imperative to update you on the ever-changing position of schools.

As you will be aware, there have been a number of announcements over the past few days regarding the reopening of schools next week. Late yesterday afternoon, an article was published explaining that all schools across London will only reopen on Tuesday 5th January for children of **critical workers** and **vulnerable children**. **ALL** other children will remain at home for the next two weeks and receive virtual learning from the teaching staff until the Government guidelines advise that we may fully reopen the school. To clarify, unless you are a critical worker or your child is classified as vulnerable, your child must remain at home until Monday 18th January.

Am I a critical worker?

The suggested list of children who would be eligible to access school during these first two weeks can be found by clicking the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We are asking that only parents and carers who **are both critical workers** and have no alternative support to access school during this time request a place. In a two parent/carer household where only one parent is a critical worker, we ask that children are kept at home as this will help to reduce the infection rate more quickly.

In order for us to plan the **Key Worker provision**, we are asking parents/carers to email info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk by the end of the day on **Sunday 3rd January**. Please include the following information:

Family Details	Name of Child/children	Year Group
Critical Worker	Member of the family	Occupation
Any further information		

School will make contact with families of **vulnerable children** on Monday, so you do not need to fill out the form. To find out more information, please click on the link above.

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We will do all we can to provide places for children, but cannot guarantee this to be possible. Your child will only be able to come to school from Tuesday 5th January, once you have had a **confirmation email** from school. This will also include start and end times, school dinners and information about the school day. The school day will run from 9.00am – 3.30pm and there will be no *wrap around care* during this time.

At present we are also continuing to work on the following:

- the updating of all our risk assessments
- amending any school procedures that need to change to increase the safety of staff, children and families
- information regarding the provision of FSM during the next two weeks

All further communication will be sent out as soon as we are able to do so.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and we appreciate your cooperation during this difficult time.

Kind regards,

Rachel Waite
Executive Headteacher
Brindishe Schools