

Dear parents and carers,

The latest Public Health evidence from Waltham Forest shows that the rate of Covid19 infection and hospitalisation is growing rapidly, which is why we are putting immediate plans in place to keep our schools and communities safe in the coming weeks.

**The local authority has recommended all maintained schools in Waltham Forest to move to online learning for the remainder of the term beginning on Tuesday 15th December 2020.**

Final plans about when pupils will return to school are still under discussion. Schools will remain open for children of key workers, children with EHCPs and vulnerable children until the end of term which is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will continue to provide free school meals for eligible children during term-time and throughout the holiday period vouchers will be provided.

Pupils will continue their learning this week via Google Classroom. Teachers will deliver live or narrated lessons to ensure that this learning is meaningful. If you encounter any problems with Google Classroom, please get in touch and we will support.

If you do not have access to the internet, please text the school as soon as possible on the number below. We will arrange appointment times for you to visit the school site and collect paper-based work.

**07850 913 695**

Pupils from the named groups who need to attend school this week will need to arrive at school for 9:00am. They must enter via the main school entrance and must be in full school uniform. These pupils will be supported by the school's senior leadership team and will engage with their online learning in small bubbles.

I appreciate that this is likely to cause disruption and I know that you and your children will be disappointed to miss out on our usual end of term activities, but the current situation, as relayed by Public Health Waltham Forest, means that we must urgently prioritise the health and safety of our pupils and their families.

The school remains open until the end of term, so please continue to get in touch with any queries or questions you have.

We are unfortunately still in a position where we are sending home pupils who are displaying some of the recognised symptoms of Covid19. If you have a new continuous cough, loss of taste/smell and/or a high temperature, please do not mix with others outside of your household. You must book a Covid test.

There are a number of pupils at the school who have been named as close contacts of children who have tested positive for Covid19. These young people should not be leaving home unless it is to get a test.

We will continue to track and track close contacts of infected pupils until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.  
Please get in contact with the school on the email address below if your child tests positive for Covid19.

I will be in touch with you again before the end of term.  
Thank you for your understanding,

Jessica McQuaid  
**Head Teacher**