



FORESTERS PRIMARY SCHOOL
The Small School with a Big Heart

Headteacher: Mr H Spring

31st December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following on from yesterday's announcement from the Government on school closures until the 18th January, I am writing to let you know that unfortunately, as a London school, Foresters will not fully reopen on the 5th January 2021 due to the high rates of Covid transmission across London and the local area. From Gov.uk:

'The Government has announced it will be applying the [contingency framework for education and childcare settings](#) to primary schools in areas of the country with very high rates of incidence or transmission of the virus, with the first areas to move into the framework announced today.

We have published guidance for education and childcare settings on the [implementation on the contingency framework](#). For schools in areas under the contingency framework, only vulnerable children, the children of critical workers and students taking external exams this year should attend school.'

A full list of workers classed as 'critical' can be accessed via the link below:

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker, those with Education, Health and Care Plans or those who are supported via the Early Help service.

Working on this principle we need to identify children where BOTH parents can identify as and evidence that they are critical workers or one parent if they have sole responsibility for caring for their child. If you fall into this category and will need provision for your child/children please email Julia Merritt: jmerritt@suttonmail.org.

If your child has an EHCP and they will be attending school then please email Julia Merritt: jmerritt@suttonmail.org. If your child has an EHCP, you WILL be using the provision and you are ELIGIBLE for SEND transport please include this into your email and so transport can be informed.

If your child is considered 'vulnerable' as they have a social worker or access Early Help and you wish to send them into school, please email Julia Merritt: jmerritt@suttonmail.org and include the name of the social worker or family support worker.

Please email by **Sunday 3rd January** at the latest as we will be planning staffing on Monday 4th ready for the children on Tuesday 5th.



If your child does not fit any of the above categories then they should stay at home until the 18th January (please note this date is provisional and dependent on guidance from the Government). Online learning will be provided via the Google Drive for your child's class.

I apologise for the very late notice and appreciate that this will be difficult for families but unfortunately I was only informed by the Department for Education about this decision yesterday evening.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Spring". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a small dot above the 'i' in "Spring".

Havard Spring
Headteacher
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