

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and are well and safe. I am writing to inform you of the current position regarding the reopening of Kingfisher Hall Academy following the announcement by the Secretary of State for Education made last week.

I am sure that you are now aware that some primary schools in some parts of the country will return as normal from the start of term, with the exception of areas where primary schools will shift to remote education in line with the government's contingency framework. 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.

It has been confirmed that schools in Enfield will remain closed to most children until at least the 18th January as part of an integral Social Distancing Strategy to control the spread of Coronavirus.

In line with this advice, Kingfisher Hall Academy will only remain open for children of critical workers (parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response) and vulnerable children. The full list of critical workers and definition of vulnerable children can be found here:

Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>)

I must stress that school remains open only for those children of key workers **who have no other child care options**. At this time of national emergency, we are a last-resort childcare. Teaching will not take place in school, this will be provided online and the children will access this in class.



Many parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home. ***And every child who can be safely cared for at home should be.***

If you are a critical worker and need your child to attend school, please email the school as follows:

[kingfisher@chat-edu.org.uk](mailto:kingfisher@chat-edu.org.uk)

***Name of Child:***

***Class:***

***Name of critical worker:***

***Occupation of critical worker:***

***Critical worker place of employment/ employer:***

***Which days you require the provision:***

The school will require parents to submit supporting documentation to the school office when your child starts.

**Shielding advice** is currently in place in tier 4 areas, and so all children still deemed clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school, even if they are children of critical workers.

### **People with symptoms or who are self-isolating**

No-one should attend school if they have symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household. If your child, or a member of the family in your home becomes ill with a temperature or a persistent cough, the whole household must isolate for 10 days.

### **Remote Learning**

Remote learning will be provided for all pupils not in school using DB Primary. This will continue in the same way as it was when the school was closed in December. This will be provided from Tuesday as Monday is a teacher training day.

The Covid Winter Grant Scheme is in place if families report difficulties in accessing food or paying household bills. Access to this support is through local authorities. Get coronavirus help from your local council - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

To help in the fight against this pandemic, all children and young people should continue to comply with the rules set out for the tier they are in, and parents are asked to help ensure their children are following those rules. That particularly includes those related to mixing with other households when they are not at school and when they are travelling to and from educational settings.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr Clifford

Head Teacher