



Thursday 31st December 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

RE: Covid-19 Update: School Delayed Re-Opening

I am sure that those of you who have been following the media coverage on the latest Covid-19 will be aware that most primary schools are due to re-open as normal from 4th January 2021. However, more specific guidance has been produced that states that all schools in the London Borough of Southwark are to delay schools opening, where infection levels remain high.

This means that Oliver Goldsmith Primary will not be re-opening to pupils from Monday 4th January 2021 and your child is not to attend school from this date.

I appreciate that this may cause much inconvenience, which is why I am writing to you as a matter of urgency during the school holidays. At present, it is unclear as to when the school will re-open for all pupils and I will keep you closely informed as we move forward with any updates. Upon the next government review in two weeks, should Oliver Goldsmith be due to re-open, I will inform you with as much notice as possible.

During this time, Oliver Goldsmith will be providing the following support to families:

1. Online learning via Google classroom, purple mash and mathletics:

All teachers will be providing on-line learning. For those children who have been in a class where they have had to self-isolate in the Autumn Term, you will be familiar with the process involved in accessing this. All online teaching will take place from Tuesday 5th January for all classes. Further information will be sent out to you on Monday 4th January in order to continue children's learning during this date.

2. Food Parcels

It would appear at present that the school meal voucher scheme for children who are entitled to free school meals will not be running as it has done previously during school or class closure. However, the school will be providing food parcels upon request to those families who are entitled to benefit-related free school meals or if you feel you need support please contact the school. Should you wish during the period of school closure to come and collect



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a food parcel then please email the school office where one can be organised for you. We will be looking into vouchers too and will contact you as soon as we have the provision.

3. Critical Worker Places

The school will be open for children whose parents are critical workers from **9am-3pm**. A list of Key Worker jobs is provided in a second attachment. If you wish to take up this offer from school then it is imperative that you contact the school office as a matter of urgency to secure your place. Please ensure you provide details of your child's class and all parents occupations in order to book a space for this provision. In order to arrange suitable supervision for these children, it is only with pre-arranged spaces that your child will be allocated into school during this time.

Please note: the same systems will be in place should there be any confirmed cases of Covid-19. Should there be a case of Covid-19 in your child's bubble then the bubble will be closed for 10 days for self-isolation. It is imperative that should any member of your household develop any symptoms or test positive for Covid-19 that your child does not attend school for 10 days.

I hope that this letter provided you with the information that you need for now. The school is still closed until Monday 4th January but if you require any further information then please do not hesitate contact the school office after this date. Emails to the school office will be checked up until then so please make sure you contact office@olivergoldsmith.southwark.sch.uk if you require any further guidance, a food parcel or critical worker place before then.

Wishing you all a happy new year – let's hope that whilst it may not have been the start that we were hoping for, 2021 will bring us back some normality very, very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Murdoch
Headteacher