

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

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 4<sup>th</sup> January. 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 Ilderton Primary **will not** be re-opening to pupils from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Ilderton be due to re-open, I will inform you with as much notice as possible.

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

**1. Online learning via Microsoft Teams:**

All teachers will be providing on-line learning via Microsoft Teams. 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 5<sup>th</sup> January for all classes. Further information will be sent out to you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 free school meals. Should you wish during the period of school closure to come and collect a food parcel then please email the school office and one can be organised for you.

**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, were your child will be supervised in school and provided access to the online learning in

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. You will need to provide evidence of your key worker status. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 us via [office@ilderton.sch.southwark.uk](mailto:office@ilderton.sch.southwark.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,

Carol Askins  
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