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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all safe and well and have had a peaceful Christmas break and start to the New Year.

Following on from the text I sent on Wednesday evening, I am now writing this letter to you to explain in more detail about the government announcement and the implications for our school.

School Closure

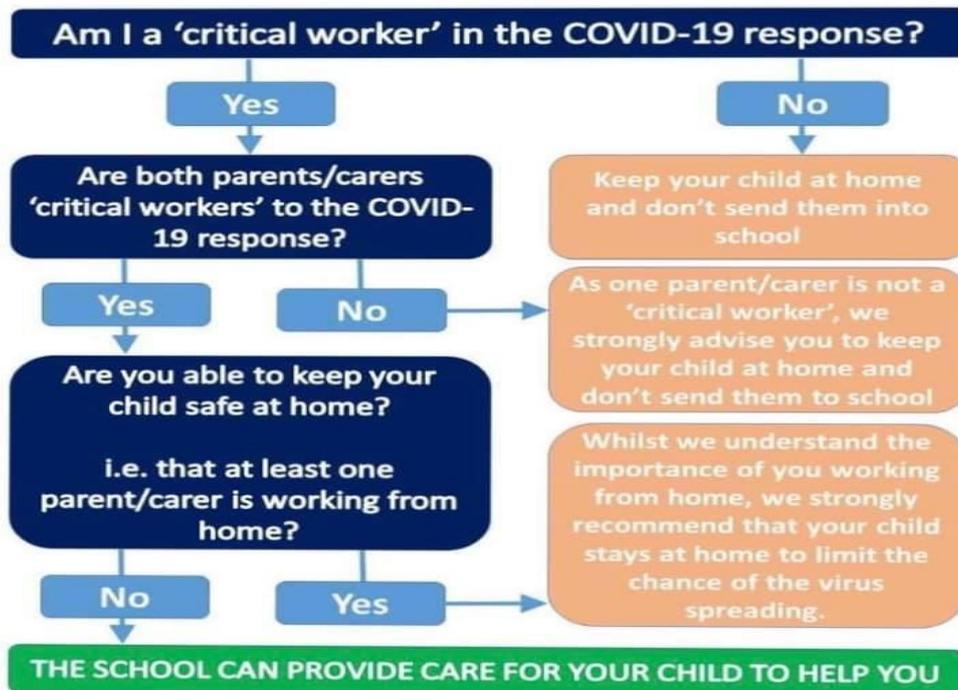
Due to increasing covid numbers in our area, Tower Hamlets Primary schools will not re-open after the Christmas break as originally planned. Stepney Greencoat will be closed for all pupils, except those who are children of critical workers and those who are defined as vulnerable.

All other children must stay at home and complete home learning.

At this point we do not know how long this arrangement will be in place but we will continue to update you as we get more information from the government and the local authority

Critical Worker and Vulnerable Children

The flow chart below is provided to help you decide if you need a place for your child in school.



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If you do require a Critical Worker place for your child please text 07742981451 with your child's name, year group and the names and occupation and work place of parent(s) by 12 noon on Sunday 3rd January 2021. Please do not send your request by any other method of communication. We will then be in touch on Monday 4th January to confirm that your child has a place from Tuesday 5th January and the drop off and collection times and gates.

The school will contact parents of children with an Education Health Care plan or other vulnerability directly.

Critical Worker children and vulnerable children should wear their full school uniform and bring a water bottle when attending school.

Home Learning

All home learning will be available on the school website in the home learning tab from Tuesday morning at 9am. This can be viewed on a PC, laptop, tablet or mobile phone. If you are experiencing difficulties in accessing any of the materials please email

admin@stepneygreencoat.towerhamlets.sch.uk or call the school from Tuesday.

Please do check the website daily for any updates in the home learning section.

Class teachers will call home to speak with you and your child each Wednesday. Please note that the number they are calling from will show as blocked or withheld on your mobile phones.

School Lunches

If your child is in school, a hot meal will be provided. If your child is learning from home and they are entitled to free school meals, we will be in touch with further information about what will be provided.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



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For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further Information Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

With kind regards,

Ms Wright



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