



Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all managed to have a restful break over the Winter holiday. It has been a very difficult time for some families within our community and I would like to personally wish you all my very best and hope that the new year will be a happy, healthy and safe one for all. I would also like to remind you that we have organised an email address, which we welcome you to contact, should you need any support during this challenging period support@bowesprimaryelt.org

Partial Opening Arrangements

As I am sure you have heard, the government has announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary schools are required in certain areas. This includes Enfield. Therefore, the school will be **closed for the majority of pupils** and remote education will be provided instead. The school will partly open for vulnerable pupils, and those of parents who are critical workers. The Government will review this by **18th January 2021** and we will inform you of any updates as soon as we hear news. The provision for our Bowes community will open for vulnerable pupils and those of parents who are Key workers at the **New Southgate site**. Therefore, pupils from our Southgate Green site who wish to attend school, will be based at New Southgate during this period, until we fully open. The provision will run **9am - 3pm**, dependent on staff available to work. We are also exploring the possibility of extending the provision for these children through our After-School Club, depending on staff availability. Children who do not have a place and would like to apply for one on a temporary basis until the school opens fully, please contact the Bowes Office by email.

Children will need to bring a **packed lunch** until we have confirmed numbers and the relevant information with our catering company. We will endeavour to do this as soon as possible and will let you know this date once The Pantry have confirmed.

While the school is partially open, the children are welcome to come into school in non-school uniform.

Critical Workers

If you are classed as a [critical worker on the government list](#) and **would like to send your child to school from Tuesday 5th January 2021**, please let us know by **1pm on Friday 1st January 2021**. The school will confirm the place before the start of term by Monday 4th January 2021. Please ensure that these details are sent to us by this date, so that we can organise the school and staff accordingly.

To let us know, please complete [this google form](#). If you have any difficulty accessing this form, please email the school office at office@bowesprimaryelt.org

Vulnerable children

If you are a parent of a vulnerable child, someone will contact you **from Saturday 2nd January 2021** to discuss attending school.

Vulnerable children include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child,
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
 - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services
 - adopted children, those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
 - those living in temporary accommodation, those who are young carers,

- those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study),
- others at the provider and local authority's discretion.

Remote Learning

We shall be contacting you again soon concerning our remote learning, which will commence as per our policy on **Tuesday 5th January 2021**. I am sure you will appreciate that there is a huge amount of planning involved in organising children of critical workers and children who are vulnerable in attending school, as well as planning for the provision of remote education for all other children. Therefore, we still plan to run our INSET day on Monday 4th January 2021.

Safety

Now more than ever, we need to keep safe. In addition to washing hands, keeping a distance from people and self-isolating where necessary, we also need to remind children of how to stay safe online. The [Online Safety](#) page on the Bowes website offers lots of advice.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that you should **keep your child at home** if they, or any other member within their household are showing signs of the [coronavirus symptoms](#). Only send your child to school once a negative result has been received, otherwise, please isolate for the recommended 10-day period. [Please click on this link](#) for information on how to get a test.

Finally, thank you all for your continued support during these unprecedented times. The school office emails will be monitored during our partial closure to ensure lines of communication remain open.

With my very best wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher