

17th December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to let you know that your child may need to learn at home, rather than in school, at the start of next term.

This week, Havering Council has informed us that all school staff will be asked to take a COVID-19 test on Wednesday 30th December 2020 or Saturday 2nd January 2021 in order to identify anyone who has contracted COVID-19 over the Christmas period, before children return to school. This could result in members of staff needing to self-isolate for the start of term if they received a positive result. Whilst this may cause disruption in the first couple of weeks of January, it will reduce risk for the whole school community and avoid further disruption throughout the spring term.

We may experience staff shortages at the start of term, requiring bubble closures and children needing to learn at home from Tuesday 5th January until staff can return on Monday 11th January or Wednesday 13th January. We hope that we will still manage to have all of the children back on Tuesday 5th January, using our own staff to cover where necessary; however, it is best to be prepared - plan for the worst and hope for the best.

We will collate the test results on Monday 4th January and communicate with you as soon as possible, on that day, to confirm which classes will be able to learn in school on Tuesday 5th January and which will need to do remote learning initially.

I am sorry in advance for any inconvenience caused in the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sansom
Headteacher