

Thursday 31 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas and are safe and well with your families.

School Closure

On the 30 December 2020, the Government announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of Coronavirus (Covid-19), some restrictions to primary education settings are required in certain areas. This has directly affected the London Borough of Waltham Forest and Lime Academy Larkswood. From Monday 4 January, we will be open only to children of critical workers and those that are considered vulnerable. For those critical worker parents who have already registered their information and requirement for a school place, we will be writing to you separately to confirm your child's place for Monday. For those parents of vulnerable children, you will also be contacted separately.

If you think you may fall into the category of a critical worker and have not registered with us, please check the criteria list here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers> and fill in our online form, we will then be in contact with you soon after. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=YiZaNpU81keQDbBuzQaR8ZuToKjwrQRHv6W9hIWVUNxUMldGVkxGUUkzSIVITlhQSDgzNkE5WUIOWC4u>

Teaching and Learning

Home learning will be available online via SEESAW, on the afternoon of Monday 4 January. Each day our teachers will upload learning which will continue to cover our school curriculum. We will be uploading learning for Reading, Writing and Maths, along with Topic learning for other subjects – ensuring that the pace of learning is maintained. The teachers will be making full use of the video and voice note facilities to model the learning and support your children's progress throughout the sequence of lessons across a week – so please encourage your child to interact and engage, and do contact your child's teacher should you require any support. At times, other adults in our school may also get in touch to offer any support.

Any families that require additional support with remote learning, or have any login issues with programmes such as BugClub, MyMaths etc then please contact your child's class teacher via SEESAW. If you do not have access to SEESAW, please email the school office. We also have technology to loan out to families who may require it, so please do get in touch if you require this.

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Breakfast and After-school provision

Our Breakfast Club and After-school club provision will be open as normal for critical worker and Vulnerable children. If you do not normally access this resource but would like to for the short-term, then please contact the school office and we will endeavour to accommodate a place for your child during this time. All charges for children who are not attending during this school closure, will be stopped.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, and your child is learning remotely, food parcels can be made for your child, which can be collected Monday-Friday, between 11.45-1.00pm via the school office. Further communication regarding this will be sent out on Monday. If your child is attending school and would normally receive a free school meal, this will continue in the same way.

The government will be continuing to review the situation and we will write to parents again when we receive any further confirmed updates. Please continue to be vigilant and follow the Government guidelines in respect to Covid-19. Please continue to check <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for the most up-to-date information. If your child tests positive, even when not attending school, please continue to inform us so we can update our records. If your child is continuing to access on-site education, please follow the guidance for self-isolation and reporting as normal.

As always, please take care of yourselves and your families, and thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



Brendan Plunkett

Headteacher

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