



## Newton's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Due to the increased number of staff members who are absent from school we are having to close the school today for all pupils until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We apologise for the late notice we have been trying our best to keep the school open safely. We can no longer do this beyond today. Too many staff in various different roles are having to self-isolate and we don't have enough staff left on site.

Following advice received from The Department of Education, Public Health England and the Local Authority we have made the difficult decision to close the school to all pupils until we can reopen with the appropriate number of staff in place. We are hopeful we will be able to reopen on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

We are sure you are all aware that Havering has an increasing number of Covid cases and all schools in the Local Authority have been affected by this. Many other schools are also currently closed either partially or fully.

This decision has been made with the health and wellbeing of our pupils, staff and the wider community at the centre. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause to some of our families and we hope you can understand that for the school to be safe for everyone we need enough staff to run the school safely and to look after your children. We are unable to have any pupils on site next week and all pupils will have remote learning in place for them, via their google classrooms.

Should you need anything during the school closure please contact us via the office email address - [office@newtons.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@newtons.havering.sch.uk) If you need any support with remote learning please use the phase email addresses that you currently use to contact class teachers.

Keep safe and stay well and we hope those of you that are celebrating all have a very Merry Christmas or a happy Hannukah.

Yours sincerely,

L James  
Chair of Governors

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Executive Headteacher