

31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School closure from 4th January for two weeks

I trust that you all remain well and strong in these challenging times. Yesterday, you may be aware that due to the high COVID-19 infection rate in our area, the Government declared that certain primary schools in Tier 4 areas, **including West Acton, must remain closed.**

Initially, this is for the first two weeks of term from 4th January to 15th January 2021. During this period, all pupils (Nursery to Year 6) will be taught using our online provision on Microsoft teams. Most of you have some experience of this already; you will find information here:

<https://www.westactonprimaryschool.org/pupils/remote-learning> and here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dd9l-P22VY&list=PLg4TaW5GieZQSuYGEwkzW7bGX6Ztkf14p&index=12>

As a school, our staff are well prepared for this and whilst this cannot completely replace face to face teaching, I know it will be a positive learning experience for our pupils. If you need assistance with this staff will be able to help you.

As per the Government direction, school will only open for vulnerable children (those with EHCPs and /or a Social worker) and children of keyworkers (list of qualifying professions here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>) **If you wish to send your child in to school for this provision for the next two weeks please email admin@west-acton.ealing.sch.uk as soon as possible. This is for the school hours of 8.45am till 3.15pm only.** If you are a keyworker please send proof of your keyworker status. If at any time during the next two weeks your child or household member has symptoms/tests positive for COVID-19 they cannot attend school.

So for now, please keep your children at home (unless you qualify for a place in provision – in which case please contact us asap) and look out for online learning information starting from Monday 4th January. For families eligible for FSM we will be in contact regarding school lunches early next week. Please keep a check of texts, emails, school social media and phone calls from us (please be aware staff may call from a withheld number).

We know that you will share our sentiments in this hugely disappointing way to start the new year 2021 but we remain strong in spirit and the commitment to the safety of our pupils, staff and whole school community.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2021 and wish you a happy new year.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Kondo
Headteacher

William Rollason
Chair of Governors

