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School closure 5th to 18th January 2021

Dear parents and carers

As you may have heard on the news last night, the government confirmed that all schools in London should remain closed to most pupils until at least 18th January due to the risk posed by very high rates of Covid. ***The school will therefore only open to pupils on Tuesday whose parents are critical key workers or those families considered to be vulnerable.*** Critical key workers include those employed in the following areas:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Essential government services
- Food production and distribution
- Utilities, communication and financial services

Further guidance can be found on the government website or you can email Andrea in the office if you need further guidance (a.goldring@st-johnsholloway.islington.sch.uk)

If you are a critical key worker and want your child to continue to come to school, can you ***please confirm with our school office by 4pm tomorrow*** (Sunday afternoon) in order that we can plan which staff will need to be in school. You can do this by emailing a.goldring@st-johnsholloway.islington.sch.uk and providing your child's name and year group as well as details of your key worker role. Please do not call and leave a message on the school phone system as no-one will be able to access this until Monday. The school office will be in touch with you by 1pm on Monday 4th January to confirm if your child has a key worker place.

Teachers will provide online learning for all other pupils via Seesaw in the same way that we set homework. If your child will be unable to access this due to not having a computer or other device, please contact the office and we will look at how we can provide alternative work. Teachers will provide an email that you can contact them on should you have any questions about the work being set. We realise this put pressure on parents but we hope you will be able to work with your child on their home learning in order that they continue to make progress.



This isn't the start to the new term that we wanted but given the increased risk posed by Covid to the health of both pupils and their families, we do think this is the right decision for now.

We will be in touch again shortly with further information about school lunches and vouchers once we have been given this by the local authority.

Brian Welsh
Head teacher

