

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you all well and that you have all been able to enjoy what I know has been a very different Christmas holiday period for us all.

No doubt many of you will have watched the announcements this afternoon, regarding the re-opening of schools in January. You will know by now that we receive announcements at the same time as you, but aim to act on them quickly, to ensure we provide you with communication linked to our specific school, as fast as we can.

The vast majority of primary schools across the country will reopen next week as planned. However, due to our location and the number of cases within our locality, we are expecting, **Keston Primary School and Nursery to remain closed until Monday 18th January.**

We understand that there will be mixed feelings about the school closure, given the current situation across the country, but also knowing the impact the last school closure had on many of our families and children last year. Therefore, at this time, I want to reassure you that we will be doing everything possible to provide detailed and relevant work and support for you and your children, whilst they are at home.

Over the next few days, you will receive communication from us, including information regarding provision for specific vulnerable and key worker children and how to request this. At this point I would like to state that **wherever possible, children should remain at home, even key worker children**, and that options for staying at home should be looked at as an initial course of action over the coming few days by our families.

We know this will be a difficult two weeks for many, but within this fluid situation, we aim to work in partnership with you all and appreciate your continued support.

Details of those who are in the key worker group can be found 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>

Please note that the school office remains closed until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and emails to the office address will not be responded to before this date. Please wait for the key worker letter to be sent out to request school places for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January onwards.