



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On 1st January 2021, primary schools in Lewisham were directed to remain closed after the Christmas holiday to the majority of pupils due to the extremely high COVID19 infection rate within our borough. We understand that this decision will be reviewed by the government on 18th January, in line with the latest information on infection rates at that time and greater knowledge regarding the new variant of the virus and its effect on children.

The advice is that where possible parents must keep children at home.

We will be following government instructions that only **children of critical workers** and **vulnerable pupils who have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP)**; those **with an assigned Social Worker** or **other circumstances listed at the link below** can attend school during this time.

The identified list of vulnerable children and critical workers is attached to this email.

If you fall into any of the categories named on this list **and are unable to keep your child at home**, we are asking you to complete and return the attached questionnaire as soon as possible and **no later than 12 noon on Monday 4th January**. This will enable us to plan staffing and catering. We will then contact you to let you know if your child will be able to attend School and when you should bring them in. **You must not bring your child to School until you have heard from us.**

In two parent households where only one parent is a critical worker children must be kept at home in order to reduce infection rate more quickly.

Holy Cross has an inset day on Monday 4th January 2021 as previously planned. School will be closed with all staff undertaking online training.

Further information about provision for **all** children during this period will be sent out shortly. Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mary Collins
Executive Headteacher of Aspire London



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