

31st December 2020

Dear Parents/Carer,

We hope you are all well and have enjoyed the festive break as much as possible. Following yesterday's announcement by the Government, **I am writing to inform you that we will unfortunately be closed to all children except for vulnerable and critical worker pupils for at least the first two weeks of the spring term.** Harlow has been placed in an area which is subject to 'contingency framework measures' due to the large number of coronavirus cases locally.

From **Tuesday 5th January 2021**, we will only be able to welcome back the children of critical workers and those pupils deemed vulnerable as we did during the first lockdown. Remote learning (Purple Mash) will be available for all other pupils as described below:

- Remote learning will be provided from Tuesday 5th January 2021 on Purple Mash.
- Purple Mash is an online learning platform that can be accessed using laptops, desk tops, tablets and phones.
- All children have a login for Purple Mash. If the login details have been lost, please email: purplemash1@kingsmooracademy.attrust.org.uk
- Maths, English/Phonics, creative activities and PE sessions will be uploaded on to Purple Mash for children to access.
- If you are unable to access Purple Mash due to technology issues, please call the school office on Tuesday 5th January and they will advise you further.

Please note: Kingsmoor Academy will close at 1.00pm on Fridays to enable a deep clean to take place. All pupils will need to be collected by 1.00pm on this day.

If you require a school place for the first 2 weeks of term as a **critical worker parent**, please email the school office as soon as possible on: admin@kingsmooracademy.attrust.org.uk (please ensure you have emailed by 12.00 on Monday 4th January 2021 in order for us to prepare adequate provision).

We appreciate that this change is short notice and may inconvenience you but it is vital that we closely follow all Government guidance on COVID-19 in order to safeguard our pupils, staff and wider school community. We strongly encourage you to consider if you absolutely need a place as we are only opening to enable critical workers to attend their essential work.

These arrangements will be reviewed by the Government after two weeks, and we will keep you updated.

We hope you have all had a restful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all when it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lymbouris

Kingsmoor Academy

Please see list below which outlines if you are deemed to be a critical worker.

Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arms length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery

- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors