

Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear Families,

SCHOOL CLOSURE JANUARY 2021

Firstly, please accept my apologies that this letter is being received at such short notice but as you are probably all aware by now, the Government have stated that all London schools should remain partially closed at least until the 18th January when the situation will be reviewed.

While I am disappointed that we cannot welcome the children back to school safely next week, I am fully supportive of this decision as the health and safety of our school community is paramount. As you know, we have worked so hard to make our school Covid secure but we cannot 100% guarantee total elimination of the virus or it's transmission.

Therefore, St. Andrew's will only be open on Tuesday 5th January 2021 to children of critical workers and those children defined as vulnerable.

Parents who are critical workers must notify the school office to request a place for their child as soon as possible and no later than Monday 4th January at 10am. This will allow us time to rota relevant staff into school, inform parents of successful requests and set up other logistical elements. Please email admin@standrewsce.lambeth.sch.uk stating clearly:

- Your name
- The name of your child/children attending school, their year group and/or class name
- Your job role
- The name of your employer

We respectfully request that you use this service only if it is absolutely necessary – that is if you are working on the Covid 19 response and you are unable to arrange childcare for your child/children at home during this school closure period. Once again, our resources in school are limited as we already have several staff members who are self-isolating or shielding and won't be able to attend school.

School staff will identify vulnerable groups of children and will make direct contact with families to offer these children a place in school for the period of closure.

For all other children, remote learning will be provided during this time via Google classroom and further information will be shared with you in due course. Please continue to check your emails and texts regularly.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to say that I hope you are all safe and well and that you managed to have a good Christmas despite the current restrictions in place. As always, I would like to thank you for your continued support. Let's hope that our Government can offer clear leadership and be more decisive in the coming weeks in order that we can all get back to school as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Mitchell
Executive Headteacher