

The Harlington & Sundon Academy Trust



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5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

IMPORTANT UPDATE- THE HARLINGTON AND SUNDON ACADEMY TRUST CLOSED FROM 5TH JANUARY 2021

Since my letter to you yesterday, the rapidly changing situation has escalated significantly, both locally and nationally. Whilst I am sure you will find this as frustrating as we do, it is vitally important I keep you updated as the situation continues to change.

Following the Prime Minister's announcement made at 8pm on Monday evening, all Primary and Secondary Schools are to close from Tuesday 5th January 2021 until after February half term. I am writing to confirm that we can rapidly set up our Critical Key Worker Care provision.

If you are a critical key worker and require child care, please complete a Critical Keyworker Application for School Provision form using the following email address for children at either school:

covid19@harlington.cbeds.co.uk,

Please email **by noon on 5th January 2021** so we can ascertain numbers. The school will endeavour to offer you support for this emergency childcare, however it must be **for critical key workers only**. For information to support you in deciding if you are a critical key worker please access:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

Places will be confirmed along with timings for your child's emergency childcare as soon as we are able to do so and provision will be from **Wednesday 6th January onwards**. Please do not attend school unless you have email/ groupcall confirmation. Parents of children who have an Education Health Care Plan and those children who may be identified as vulnerable will be contacted separately by Senior Leaders.

We will continue to review the situation as it evolves and update you as soon as we can with any changes that may happen over the coming few hours, days and weeks.

I fully understand the inconvenience of school closure brings but this is out of the Academy's control. Today I will be meeting staff teams to finalise and establish plans for remote education for all children as well as finalising and establishing plans for the staffing of children of critical key workers who require child care. Remote learning will start from Wednesday 6th January 2021. I am sure you will appreciate that we are rapidly responding to evolving changes and I appreciate your patience whilst plans are finalised.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C White
Head Teacher