



Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you and your families have been keeping well over the Christmas holiday.

Following the DfE announcement last Wednesday (30th December), I am writing with an update to start of term procedures for our school. Here is information from our local authority:

The return to school

DfE guidance currently states that in some Tier 4 areas where transmission rates are high, including Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster, a full return for all primary year groups will be delayed. A further review is due to take place on 18 January. However, vulnerable children will be expected to attend full-time where it is appropriate for them to do so from the start of term. Schools should also offer on-site provision from 5 January for vulnerable and keyworker children.

Free school meals

DfE advice about the provision of free school meals for students not eligible to return to school until 18 January is as follows:

Schools should work with suppliers to prepare meals or food parcels to be collected by, or delivered to, these eligible children during their time at home. Any parcels should be distributed in line with guidance on social distancing and local restriction tiers and should meet the school food standards.

Testing in primary schools

The Secretary of State confirmed yesterday (30 December 2020) that he expects to be able to provide resources to enable testing in primary schools from late January. We will write to you all once we have more information about this. We will also provide details about a local training facility for a limited number of school staff to run testing, which is initially focused on secondary schools, but which we plan to offer to primary school staff as well once the DfE provides testing kits for primary schools, scheduled for late January.

COVID-19 asymptomatic community testing in Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea

*Community based testing sites are available for school aged children and their families who are asymptomatic. Primary school staff are also able to access these sites. Any staff or children **with symptoms** should follow the advice to self-isolate and **book a test** via the government website.*

Given this advice, please note the following:

1. Children with EHC plans are able to attend learning at school from Tuesday 5th January. Our SENCO will be contacting these families on Monday 4th January.
2. Children within the vulnerable category will be able to attend school from Tuesday 5th January. Our Learning Mentor will be contacting these families on Monday 4th January.
3. Children who are not able to be cared for at home due to parents being key workers, will be able to attend school from Tuesday 5th January. Please email info@scwsm.rbkc.sch.uk with your name and work details if you are a key worker and will be sending your child to school. Here is a list of key (critical) workers as defined on DfE website:

'Critical workers

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition 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, and the delivery of and response to EU transition*
- *essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), 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 and EU transition)*
- *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 and border

This includes those

- *who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure 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'*

4. All other children will be learning via remote learning options, including via Google Classroom and by means of hard copy learning packs, for the duration of this off-site learning period. Teachers will be in contact with their classes on Tuesday 5th January.
5. Please notify info@scwsm.rbkc.sch.uk by Monday 4th January if your child does not have access to a laptop, tablet or iPad.
6. We will be working with our suppliers to prepare lunches for those children who would normally receive Free School Meals. It is likely that these will be available to collect as packed lunch food parcels, but we will update our families once we have had communication with our suppliers.
7. The government will be reviewing these lockdown measures on 18th January. These measures will be in place until we are notified of a change.

Should you have any queries, please feel free to email info@scwsm.rbkc.sch.uk and we will be in contact from Monday 4th January. As always, please keep updated via our website. Latest news page and class learning pages will have updates once term begins.

We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2021!

With best wishes,
Miss Putterill