

Dear Parents/carers

I hope that you all had a peaceful Christmas and that you and your families remained safe and well.

As many of you will have heard in the news, the Government has announced the changes to the start of term for some areas, Enfield being one of them. This was news to us all yesterday and it does mean that Enfield schools are being asked to open **only for families of critical workers and vulnerable children from January 4<sup>th</sup>**.

What we do know is that the rate of infection in Enfield is high and we would like you to think very carefully if you are going to request provision from us January 4<sup>th</sup>. These places are **only** if a parent/carer is a critical worker and has no other option but to **leave home to work**. If families have more than one person at home/works from home then this placement will not apply. I sincerely hope you understand that this is for the good of us all and as a community **we must** do our best to stay safe. We are at a critical stage with the virus especially in our borough.

I hope that you appreciate that this will need some significant planning therefore if you feel that you require provision for your child please contact us **only** via [primary@edact.org.uk](mailto:primary@edact.org.uk) **by Monday 4th January – 11.30am. You must provide us with evidence from your employer of the days and times that you will require**. We will try our best to accommodate you between 9am – 3pm. In order for us to plan for this, the provision will start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. As teachers will be focussing on teaching and learning, any provision at school will be covered by support staff.

Please note that all children will access high quality remote learning via Google Classroom from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> January. This will be in the form of some live or pre-recorded lessons from their teachers. In order for us to prepare for this Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January will be an INSET Day.

***Provisionally from Monday 18th January onwards:***

- All children back in school for face-to-face teaching
- Note that this date is under constant review by the Department for Education, and is subject to change.

Since closing for the Christmas break we have had 6 further Covid-19 cases in the primary. The virus likes a crowd so I urge you to stay home and stay safe.

Thank you for continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Erini Franciosa

Head of Primary