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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a Happy New Year and hope that you and your family are keeping safe and well. I am writing to you to confirm that from Tuesday 5th January we will be moving to online learning for all our classes. This will be until the 18th January when the situation will be reviewed. We can only apologise for the late notice this gives you and our staff, however that was due to the government's decision making. I appreciate that these changes can be hard to adapt to, and the staff at Shoreditch Park are committed to doing all we can do to support.

I am sure you will have many questions, please see headings below which I hope capture the main queries.

Home Learning

All children should access Google Classroom to access remote learning. All parents should now be familiar with this process, however if a child has not logged in on Tuesday we will contact you to see if you need any support at all. It is important that your child accesses this every day to ensure we keep children learning and progressing well in their subjects.

KS2 children should enter Google Classroom every morning at 9am to participate in a live register and outline for the day. KS1 and EYFS children should log in by 9:30am each day. If your child is going to be absent from remote learning, **you must inform their class teacher** via email or calling the school office, no later than 9am (KS2) and 9:30am (KS1).

On Tuesday 5th there will be a special welcome back live session with class teachers. This will happen at 9am (KS2) and 9:30am (KS1/EYFS)

Please see our Remote Learning Policy to outline what you and your child can expect –

<https://www.shoreditchpark.hackney.sch.uk/files/policies/71/9.9%20Remote%20Learning%20Policy%202021-1.pdf>

In addition, we have added a daily circle time for each class and developing ways for children to socially connect with their class members.

Communications

We will email and send texts to parents when necessary and expect that to be more often than usual. Please make sure your contact details are up to date as our comms teams will be at full stretch and do not have time to call everyone to check you are receiving messages. The website for each school will be updated with relevant letters and information as soon as it is sent out. If you are not sure about anything please check there.



Free School Meals

The government has not announced any more voucher schemes so our kitchen team will be creating packed lunches for all children in receipt of FSM. **You can collect packed lunches for your child/ren from the Year 1 and 4 Entrance Gate at 12pm each day.**

If you think your status has changed and you are now entitled to this please contact your school office via email or phone from Tuesday with the details and they will help you. All those previously entitled will automatically receive communications about hampers and when they will be available. Registering for FSM helps the school so even if you don't want the food or technological help you are entitled to please do register. Families who currently have 'No recourse to Public funds' are also able to let us know and we will provide a packed lunch.

Technology

We know it can be a struggle managing home learning where there are several children with only one device so we are trying to timetable learning to help with this so families with more than 1 sibling can use the laptop at different times to access the teaching. We have limited numbers of devices to send home and these will be distributed swiftly. You will be contacted if you have been identified as a family who may be in need.

Children of Critical workers

In line with government advice we will be providing childcare for children of frontline workers who would otherwise be unable to perform their much needed services during this time. Please be aware that each case will be assessed on specific need and **we ask that you do only request this service if really necessary.** Children who come in for this service will be supervised by support staff in mixed aged groups accessing the home learning that the rest of their class are engaging in. There will be a member of the Senior Leadership Team on site overseeing the small groups.

If you and your partner are critical workers, or if you are a single parent with sole childcare responsibilities, then please email covid-19@shoreditchpark.hackney.sch.uk with your child/ren name in the title. In the email please attach proof of employment and working hours. We would appreciate receiving all requests no later than **Tuesday 5th January at 9am.** We will gather this information and combined with staff capacity, inform parents of places to start on **Thursday 7th January.** We will be working on whole school risk assessments and arrangements to ensure your child returns to a safe environment.

There will be no provision for wrap around childcare outside of the core day during this period. The core day provision will be 9am to 3:30pm for all children. We will have reduced numbers and therefore not staggered start times.

Children with EHCPs

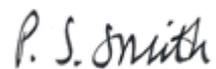
Ms Bevington or Ms Deegan will be contacting every family with a child with an EHCP to discuss provision for your child during this time. As you can imagine we have a lot to get organised in a very short period of time so please bear with us and keep reading the communications.

Keeping school safe

Ms Cleverton will be writing to all parents if your child is attending school over the next two weeks. Please do not send your child to school if they show any symptoms of Covid - 19 and swiftly let us know.

Please look after yourselves and stay at home where possible and follow Public Health advice. The rates are genuinely high in our local areas, If you need any help with anything, please reach out to us and we will do our very best.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. S. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'S'.

Penny Smith

Head Teacher