

# Springfield Primary Academy

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## **Coronavirus (COVID-19): Continued School Closure – Staffing and Safety**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the government announced on 30<sup>th</sup> December that, whilst many primary schools will be opening on 4<sup>th</sup> January, there would be a number of schools in critical areas throughout the country where the coronavirus infection rate means that the opening of schools in those areas would need to be delayed.

Although Birmingham is not yet in one of those areas, we are still required to ensure that our risk assessments make it safe enough for us to open our school to pupils during the current pandemic. Our risk assessments are fully reviewed by REAch2 Academy Trust leaders to ensure that all of the information is carefully considered so we act in the best interests of children and families.

Following a review of our risk assessment, I am writing to let you know that we are unfortunately unable to fully open the school at this time. This is because our risk assessment shows that we do not have enough available staff to operate the school effectively.

We will therefore only be opening schools to provide face-to-face education for those pupils who are vulnerable or from families of critical workers. For other pupils, we will provide remote learning and work that can be done at home.

Our school leaders along with Trust leaders will review our risk assessments every 48 hours with a view to re-opening the school when it is possible to do so. We will inform you immediately if the situation changes.

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## Face-to-Face Education

Although the school will be closed, we will still be able to provide face-to-face education from **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** for the following pupils:

- Children of critical workers
- Vulnerable pupils: those with a EHCP, with a Social Worker, or other pupils deemed as potentially vulnerable due to personal circumstances (we will contact you if this applies to your child(ren)).

If you are a critical worker and want your child to attend school. Please let us know via phone or email by **1.00pm on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

## Remote Learning

In addition, we will also continue to provide home learning activities for other pupils who are not at school. Information about our approach to remote learning will be provided in a separate letter.

## Keeping Pupils Safe – Staying in Touch

Although the school will not be open for all pupils, we still want to stay in touch with you so that we can support our families. Further information about this will be provided in the remote learning letter.

## And finally...

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We know that the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic are not yet over, but with your help we are determined to continue to do the very best for all our children throughout this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms S Taylor'.

Ms S. Taylor  
Head of School

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