

Park Primary School

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Re: Partial Closure of Primary Schools in England until 12/2/21

Date:

8/1/21

Dear parent/carer of a child at Park Primary School,

I am writing to you because I originally wrote to state that we were to be partially closed until 15/1/21.

Subsequent to sending that letter, there has been a Government announcement stating that all primary schools in England will be partially closed until 12/2/21 which is when we break for the February half term.

We completely understand how challenging this is for you and there is nothing we would like more than to be teaching your children face to face. At the moment though, it is too great a risk to have full classes of children in school. The current aim is to reduce the amount of contacts that any one person has. Through reducing contacts and maximising space, we will hopefully see a reduction in the high number of cases that are being seen, in Newham and nationally.

Nothing will ever replace the buzz and interaction of classroom learning but, at Park, we are working tirelessly to ensure that, even when away from the classroom, your children have the best possible access to learning opportunities. Despite the challenges faced, we have been extremely successful in our provision of a mix of live sessions and other remote learning possibilities. We are hoping that we can have even greater expectations once we know that all are able to access (laptops and chromebooks are being loaned on Monday). The appropriate year group curriculum will continue to be varied, engaging and rich and we expect all children to be part of the learning experience.

It is a legal requirement that your child attends the lessons and engages with their remote learning. We will be tracking attendance online and we will be in touch, if absence is an issue, in order to support your child to get online and be increasingly engaged. If you have any queries relating to online learning, please email blended.learning@park.newham.sch.uk

Please also be reminded to expect a fortnightly call from a member of staff which will be a wellbeing check for all. It is just a chance for us to speak to you and your child individually and to 'check in' that everything is ok and, if it is not ok, if there is anything we can do to help.

Yours respectfully, Natasha Ttoffali



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Synopsis of content: At the time of writing, it is the expectation that primary schools in England will be fully open on 22nd February 2021 (22/2/2021).