

15th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you may already be aware that, despite the Council advising schools to move to remote learning for most pupils only yesterday, today Head teachers across the borough received a letter from the Rt. Hon. Nick Gibb, minister for school standards, asking schools in Waltham Forest to reopen to all pupils.

Following this letter I would like to clarify George Tomlinson's plans for the remainder of the school week.

Wednesday 16th December

School remains open only to all key worker / essential worker children and our vulnerable children (unless your child's year group is currently isolating). All other children (including isolating year groups) will be expected to take part in remote learning via Class Dojo, just as took place today.

Thursday 17th December

Due to the concerns surrounding the rates of COVID in our local area, we are bringing forward an INSET day to Thursday 17th. This means that school will only be open to our key/essential worker children and our vulnerable children (unless your child's year group is currently isolating). Remote learning will still be provided for the rest of our school pupils, (including currently isolating year groups).

The INSET day will consist of staff working on our remote learning offer and therefore we are inviting our key/essential worker and vulnerable children in to enable us to develop our practises.

As this is an INSET day however, both coming into school (for key/essential and vulnerable children) and taking part in remote learning, is entirely voluntary.

Friday 18th

INSET day. School closed to all pupils as previously advised.

We will explain how this will affect our planned Summer INSET days in a letter after Christmas.

I can only apologise for the lateness of this message but as you can imagine, we have been trying to work out a plan that best keeps our pupils, staff and families safe whilst balancing the force of the requests put upon us by the government.

Best wishes,

Verity