



2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and your families. I hope that you have had a restful, safe break although the national health crisis meant that we were unable to meet with our wider families this Christmas. Unfortunately, there have been high numbers of COVID19 infections recorded in Brent hence the Government's decision not to open schools across the borough next week. This is with the exception of our vulnerable children along with those whose parents are critical workers.

There has been no return date confirmed as yet however the government aim to reopen schools from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. This start date will be under continuous review dependent upon infection rates and the associated risks.

The school COVID 19 risk assessment will be updated to include our latest arrangements. At this time, we advise that you closely adhere to the government guidance to stay face during the COVID 19 pandemic.

As you know, the first two dates of term (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021) are Staff INSET days and will closed to all pupils.

All children are directed to access online learning every day and further guidance around this will be sent out early next week. Online learning will commence on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

If your child is eligible of free school meals (not including universal school meals) you will receive a weekly voucher.

In order to organise our critical worker provision from Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021, we ask parents who are eligible to complete the attached form and return to the school office at [admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@leopold.brent.sch.uk) by midday Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Schools have been closed for safety reason therefore if there is an adult at home who is not a critical worker, we ask that your child learn from home.

The critical worker list has been updated and is included below:

### **Critical workers**

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections.

#### **Health and social care**

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

#### **Education and childcare**

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

#### **Key public services**

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

#### **Local and national government**

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of:

- the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, and the delivery of and response to EU transition
- essential public services, such as the payment of benefits and the certification or checking of goods for import and export (including animal products, animals, plants and food), including in government agencies and arms length bodies

#### **Food and other necessary goods**

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

#### **Public safety and national security**

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians
- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and EU transition)

- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

#### **Transport and border**

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response and EU transition, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass and those constructing or supporting the operation of critical transport and border infrastructure through which supply chains pass.

#### **Utilities, communication and financial services**

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

We thank you for your continued support and for working in partnership with the school for the betterment of the pupils at Leopold Primary School.

Kind regards,

Mrs Obinwanne & Ms Octave

Head of School