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Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have had a restful festive period despite the challenges of the current time. Your support of our school community has been heartening, you have helped to sustain a challenging year and the number of gifts and cards you gave to staff was very much appreciated by everyone here at Park Hill Junior school.

I am writing to you because last night, the government announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of COVID-19, there would need to be some restrictions to Primary schools in certain areas.

Croydon is an area that has been highlighted as being a Tier 4 'hotspot' and for this reason:

The spring term will start with online learning for all pupils on Monday 4th January 2021.

From the <u>5th January</u>, alongside online learning, learning for <u>identified pupils</u> will take place in school as per the government guidance.

As you know, we receive announcements at the same time as you and we aim to act on them as quickly and proactively as possible in order to give you clarity and reassurance. Please find below arrangements from Monday 4th January 2021, in conjunction with Park Hill Infants' School, for the following two weeks, when the situation is due to be reviewed by the government:

From **Monday 4th January, <u>all</u>** pupils are required to log into the Google Classroom to access their tasks. All pupils should be able to access Google Classroom using their @phjs.foliotrust.uk address. An online registration will take place between 9:00-9:15am for all Year 3 & 6 classes, and between 9:15-9:30am for all Year 4 and 5 classes. A link will be uploaded to the Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to read daily and to read different genres followed with a discussion of their text with them.

All children should familiarise themselves with submitting tasks on Google Classroom, and a help sheet is attached. Pupils will also require access to Times Table Rockstars and children will be introduced to Mathletics, in place of Active Learn, during the coming weeks.

Please advise the school if you do not have access to the internet and we will work with you to provide alternatives.

Provision for Critical Worker / Vulnerable Children



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If you are regarded as a critical worker in your job, (full list can be found <u>here</u>), and/or your family has an allocated social worker and/or your child has an EHCP, you have the option to send your child to school to enable you to go to work. If your child is in school, they will complete remote learning under the supervision of school staff and will have to remain in their year group bubble, even if they are the only pupil within that year group.

If one or more of the above categories applies to you, and you would like to request provision for your child from Tuesday 5th January, please email the Senior Leadership Team, <u>phjsslt@phjs.foliotrust.uk</u> by <u>midday on Sunday 3rd</u> <u>January</u> - requests received after this time cannot be accepted. Please put the subject as, 'Request for school provision' and detailing:

- your job titles (both parents/carers)
- the names of both organisations and your job locations
- the name of your child/ren and their class
- lunch choice packed lunch or school dinners
- if you require breakfast and/or after school club provision

We will notify you on Monday 4th January if we are able to offer a place for your child. Please remember that the safest place for your child is at home and make arrangements wherever possible to keep your child at home.

If the demand for places is too great we will prioritise vulnerable children and families where both parents are key workers or single parent families where that parent is a key worker.

If only one member of your family is a critical worker, I would strongly encourage you to keep your child at home because this variant of the virus is highly transmissible.

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals:

- We can offer you a hot meal to be collected on Monday 4th of January in a suitable sealed container.
- On Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th January, if your child is not attending school, hot meals can be collected in a suitable sealed container.
- Meals for Monday to Wednesday need to be ordered by emailing the Senior Leadership Team, <u>phjsslt@phjs.foliotrust.uk</u> by <u>midday on Sunday 3rd January</u>. Orders received after this time cannot be accepted.
- Please put the subject of your email as, <u>'Request for FSM provision'</u>.
- You will be emailed a time to come and collect your child's meal.
- Folio Education Trust is planning to issue food vouchers to eligible families from Thursday 7th January.

Communication

The school office will be open as usual. This will be your first point of contact via email or phone call.





The following email addresses will remain open, for you to communicate with staff members, should you need to. In addition, the Leadership Team email is available if you need confidential support.

office@phjs.foliotrust.uk	(For general office enquiries)
phjsslt@phjs.foliotrust.uk	(For confidential support /request for school or FSM provision)
it@phjs.foliotrust.uk	(For IT enquiries including Google Classroom/passwords)
safeguarding@phis.foliotrust.uk	(For safeguarding concerns and family support)

The staff will respond to emails between 9am and 4pm, and our phone line (020 8686 8623) will still be open.

Please ensure that we have the most up to date contact information for you - email address and two phone numbers. If you are aware of any families that may not have received this letter, we would be grateful if you could alert them that a copy can be found on our school website: www.phjs.co.uk/news-letters/letters

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our Park Hill Community a Happy New Year. I very much hope that 2021 brings you all renewal of heart, mind, body and spirit. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Best wishes,

Ann Pratt

Headteacher



