



Communitas Education Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well.

We are writing to you following announcements yesterday from the Government regarding school reopening plans. As you will be aware, Gavin Williamson named a number of London Boroughs whose children will not be returning to their primary school building on January 5th 2021. Southwark is one of these Boroughs, and so we are writing to confirm that school learning will be moved online from the beginning of January. Again, as you will be aware, children of Key Workers and those deemed 'vulnerable' will be offered face to face learning within school buildings.

As the communication from the DfE has come at such a late stage, schools will need some time to ensure that families are contacted, staff identified for the various roles, arrangements made for meals and vouchers and online learning systems are ready. They will also need to identify children of Key Workers and those deemed vulnerable and ensure that these are communicated with regarding school based learning. A letter with details about our preparations will come to you from each of your headteachers. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact them for help.

As the levels of infections and hospitalisations from Covid-19 rise rapidly in London, we understand that you may be finding these very strange and concerning times. We want to reassure you that we will continue to support you and your children with learning and any other needs that you may have. We will also ensure that both children and staff are kept as safe as possible during the pandemic and we will act swiftly and decisively to ensure that this remains a top priority.

The DfE has set the 18th January 2021 as the return date for all pupils to on-site learning. Again, we will keep you informed regarding any changes to this as the situation is very fluid at the moment. We will also provide regular communications through schools to keep you up to date.

Thank you for your continued support. With best wishes for the new year,

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