



BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: School Closure – Friday 18th December 2020

You may have heard today from reports in the media that due to the continuing Covid-19 crisis the DFE (Department for Education) and PHE (Public Health England) have issued "**unexpected**" and updated guidance to schools at 2:00pm on Tuesday afternoon (8th December) with the clear message that **schools should close to pupils on Thursday 17th December** due to the continuing demands placed on staff to support the national track and trace system over the school closure period.

This morning, schools have received further guidance from LBE (London Borough of Ealing) about this "late notification" and the message contained within the guidance. The Local Authority have made it very clear to schools that they strongly recommend that schools should follow this DFE & PHE guidance.

As a result, Beaconsfield Primary will now close to pupils for the term break on **Thursday 17th December at 3.20pm**. School will re-open as previously advised on Monday 4th January 2021.

This announcement comes in the wake of a new procedure, confirmed yesterday, where staff in school have been asked to further support Public Health England (PHE) during the first 6 days of the holiday period. This established procedure is what schools follow normally during term time to support PHE. **The extension of this procedure means senior staff will be "on call" working until the 23rd December to deal with Covid-19 positive cases and symptomatic children.**

- **If your child develops symptoms 48hrs after their last day at school, this means on Friday 18th or Saturday 19th December, you must email admin@beaconsfield.ealing.sch.uk.**
- **You must then get a test and let the school know as soon as you have the result.**
- The school phone line will be **unmonitored from 4pm Thursday 17th December until 8am Monday 4th January**, so contact must be through email admin@beaconsfield.ealing.sch.uk.

I do apologise for any inconvenience this change causes you. It is extremely unfortunate that the DFE and government have only made this announcement so close to the end of the school term which we know will cause disruption for many families. As a school, we have closely followed all previous guidance from the DFE and PHE during the Covid-19 crisis and we will continue to do so in the interests of the children and staff at Beaconsfield Primary School.

I'm sure that like me, you also hope that the positive news in the last few weeks with vaccinations commencing will continue and ideally allow us to gradually return back to a time when fewer restrictions were in place for us all. Thank you all again for your support throughout this term with all of the new procedures we have put in place. We have had **ZERO CASES of COVID TRANSMIT IN SCHOOL** and that remains our aim over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

Mr Dave Woods
Head Teacher



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