

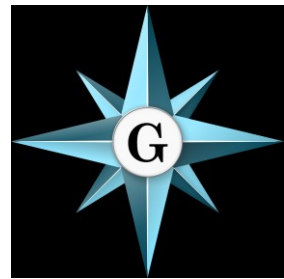
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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Notification of School Closure until Week Commencing 11th January 2021

I am writing to inform you that myself and the Board of Trustees have made the difficult decision that the school will not now re-open to the majority of pupils from Tuesday 5th January 2021. I regret that this is short notice, however this is a rapidly changing situation in which members of the senior leadership team, including myself, have now tested positive for Covid-19 and are required to self-isolate. Based on our assessment of risk, we do not believe that it would be a safe environment for pupils to return, with 3 out of 4 senior leaders being offsite and unable to manage the school at this extremely challenging time.

I believe that this is also the right decision to keep your children and our staff safe, in the context of soaring infection rates and the new more virulent and infectious strain of the virus which is circulating in the London area. We will use this week to revise the school's risk assessment in light of changing government guidance and to endeavour to implement a testing programme for week commencing 11th January. It is our current intention to take an additional Inset Day, as allowed by government guidance, on Monday 11th January, in order to test staff and for testing of pupils to commence after this. I will write to you again this week with further details of the proposed testing arrangements.

Keyworker Children & Vulnerable Students

From Tuesday 5th January 2021 the school is only opening to the children of keyworkers and vulnerable children. However, due to the current high transmission rates of infection, I would ask parents to only send their sons and daughters to school if it is absolutely necessary to do so for work, or if you believe it would be safer at school than at home.

We would also request that parents do not send their child into school if they are clinically extremely vulnerable. Also no student should attend if they, or anyone in their household, is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19. If you do decide to send your child in, even though they are exhibiting symptoms, then they will not be allowed to enter the school and will be sent home immediately.

If you consider yourself to be a key worker and would need to send your son/daughter to school, we need to know the following information by **9.00am, Monday 4th January**. Please email pastoral2@glebe.bromley.sch.uk

- Your name and occupation which qualifies to the remit of a key worker
- The name of your child/children
- Your company name, address and telephone number
- Whether your child needs SEN transport to pickup and drop off
- Whether your child requires a school lunch
- Confirm that you are able to drop off and collect your child from school, in case of illness and uncertainty around school transport during this difficult time
- Or your intention to keep your children at home in order to isolate them from any potential harm



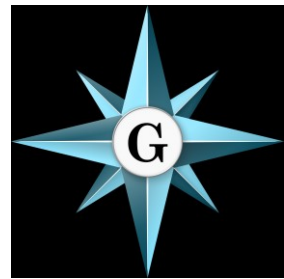
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The parents/carers of vulnerable students will be contacted directly by the Pastoral Team. No other students can attend.

Please note, if you state that your child will be present at school, this must be fulltime attendance and for the entire school day. There will be no breakfast club during this time.

Teaching & Learning

The school will be placing resources and revision for home learning on the Learning Zone section of the school's website. Providing your child is well, they will need to access the Learning Zone from 5th to 8th January and complete the work set for their year group.

Mock examinations due to take place from 11th January will now be re-arranged in light of the closure next week.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Electronic vouchers will be arranged for those pupils who are eligible and who are unable to attend school this week.

I appreciate that these developments will be disappointing and frustrating for you and I would like to reassure you that we have not taken this decision lightly but felt that the closure of the school was unavoidable given the significant change in circumstances over the weekend. All the actions the school has taken during the pandemic have been made to try to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your children and our staff.

Please let your children know that myself and the staff are very much looking forward to welcoming them back to school as soon as possible, when it is safe to do so.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact admin@glebe.bromley.sch.uk or pastoral2@glebe.bromley.sch.uk

Thank you once again for your ongoing patience and support and I hope you and your families continue to stay well.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Travis

Headteacher

