



2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear parents, carers

**RE: School closure from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

I hope that you are all well and had a restful and peaceful break.

You will, have no doubt, been following the Government updates around school closures, we now have confirmation that London Borough of Harrow is on the list, therefore Avanti House Primary School, will be closed to children, other than children of key workers and our vulnerable children. We will provide updates as and when we receive them.

We will only open for children (as we did back in March 2020) where:

- **Both parents/carers are critical workers, namely:**
  - Health and social care
  - Education and childcare
  - Key public services
  - Food and other necessary goods
  - Public safety and national security
  - Transport
  - Utilities, communication and financial services
  - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>
  
- **Children are identified as vulnerable, namely:**
  - Children with an EHCP
  - Children with a social worker
  - Children looked after/ adopted
  - Children in temporary housing and/or no access to the internet or a device for learning at home
  - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#vulnerable-children-and-young-people>

These critical worker children and vulnerable can attend as long as they:

- Do NOT show any COVID symptoms
- Have no one in their household currently with symptoms or has tested positive
- They are not self-isolating following a positive COVID test or have been traced to self isolate

The key symptoms are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

We currently have the list of children who fell under these categories, during the first period of lockdown, however please do contact Dravit Koorichh who will be happy to support:

[Dravit.Koorichh@avanti.org.uk](mailto:Dravit.Koorichh@avanti.org.uk)

All other children will learn from home (blended, online learning) during this period and **we will send details out on MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY** via email.

**We will not be running any after school clubs during this period.**

Alternatively, you can call the **school office from 10:00am on MONDAY** if you want to confirm any **arrangements regarding your child if you are a critical worker or if your child is a vulnerable child**. Please note, phones will not be answered before this time as we will be meeting all staff to discuss these arrangements.

Your support is appreciated at this difficult time.

I do wish you all a Happy New Year and I am sure we are all united in our hopes, prayers and wishes for a safe and more positive 2021.

Best regards,

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