



4 January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience and understanding in what has been a challenging start to 2021 for parents and school staff as we all deal with the impact of:

- Ever rising COVID infection rates in our area
- Last minute guidance from government and unions
- The directive to some Tier 4 schools to close despite infection rates locally being higher than some London boroughs.

Remote Learning

Staff have been working today to plan and prepare remote learning for the children.

Each phase leader, Ms York (EYFS); Miss Estcourt (KS1); Mrs Watson (LKS2) & Mrs Ajewole (UKS2) will be writing to you to offer guidance to help you navigate the remote learning on offer in each phase – so please look out for these separate letters.

The primary route to access this learning for your child is via Google Classroom:

<https://classroom.google.com>

If you are having difficulty in accessing the learning, live sessions and videos, or if you need further support please email the school office at ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org and we will do our best to help.

If you are struggling to access online learning due to not having a device for your child. Please contact the school and we will do our best to help.

Free school meals pupils

We will be in contact with all families who have children that currently receive benefits-related free school meals to explain how we will be supporting with food packages or vouchers.

Length of closure

Currently the school is closed due to operational challenges, as I do not have enough staff available to teach the children.

I am expecting this length of closure to be 2 weeks, with the hope that pupils will return from Monday 18 January. This, of course, is dependant on Covid rates and guidance prevailing at the time.

Please know that I am committed to educating all children on site as soon as it is considered safe enough to do so and I am operationally able to.

On-site provision for Vulnerable and Critical Worker children

A separate letter has been sent to all parents who have signed up for access to this provision. IF you have signed up via Survey Monkey and have not received instructions – please contact the school office.

Update from the Prime Minister

As I am writing this my phone has buzzed to tell me that Boris Johnson will be addressing the country tonight at 8pm, so who knows what will be happening tomorrow – but as ever we will adapt and do our very best in these strange times.

Throughout the pandemic your support has been unwavering, I would hope that your support continues as we do our best to navigate what hopefully will be the final phase of this awful pandemic.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Ferris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher