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## School Closure from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you had a restful break over the holiday. Unfortunately, Emmanuel School will be closed for all pupils apart from vulnerable children and the children of critical workers, from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January until at least Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January, when the government will review the situation. I imagine that as parents, this is incredibly frustrating but I sincerely hope this closure will be for a short period of time. I will of course keep you updated as and when the situation changes.

### Key Workers

Over the weekend, I wrote to the families who are on our records as being critical workers to inform them of our provision in school from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. If you are a key worker and did not receive a letter, please contact the school as soon as possible via [admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk). Please double-check the government definition of critical workers first, which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

### Remote Learning

From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January, most children will be learning from home. Lessons will be on Google Classroom for your child to complete and usernames and passwords can be found in your child's homework book. However, do let the school office know if you have misplaced these details and they can be resent to you.

- By 9am each day, the class teacher will upload three lessons to Google Classroom; one maths lesson, one literacy lesson and one foundation subject lesson. These will be directly linked to what the children would have been learning in class.
- Each lesson will have a presentation (some of which will be narrated by the class teacher) and a task.
- For pupils in Nursery and Reception class, literacy and numeracy activities will be provided each day that also contain links to other areas of learning. Reception class will have a daily Phonics lesson too.
- If pupils are well enough, they can complete each lesson and 'hand in' one piece of work to their class teacher each day on Google Classroom for feedback. Teachers will provide feedback within two days or by Monday for work handed in on a Thursday or Friday.
- The class teacher will be available on the 'class stream' on Google Classroom from 11.30am-12.30pm each weekday to answer any questions children may have about their learning. Please note that there may be days when your child's class teacher is on the rota in school; in which case the class stream will not be available.
- Parents can email class teachers via the office email address should they need to contact them directly.

### Devices

As the lessons on Google Classroom are not live, the children can access the learning at any point during the day convenient to your family's personal situation. However, if you do not have any devices for your child to use other than a mobile phone, or if you have several children and there are not enough devices for them to share, please contact the school office at [admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk) as we have a number of devices we can loan to families who are in particular need.

### Well-being

As most children benefit from a routine, we are encouraging children to do some home learning each day. However, like adults, some children may well feel anxious at this time and there may be days over the next two weeks where you may need to put Google Classroom to one side to focus on your child's well-being. We also appreciate that some parents will be looking after their children whilst at the same time working from home and this may well be challenging. Please don't put undue pressure on yourselves as a family; some days it will be enough to take turns to read stories, play games and simply talk to one another. There is a wealth of information on supporting your child's wellbeing our school website: <https://www.emmanuel.camden.sch.uk/well-being/> but if you have any specific concerns or questions, do email Mrs Watkins, our school ELSA, at [wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk)

### Free School Meals

If your child receives a free school meal during term-time, and you would like us to provide them with a packed lunch over the next two weeks, do get in contact via the school office. I am waiting to hear from Camden whether they will be providing hampers or vouchers as they did during the last lockdown.

### Positive Case of Coronavirus

If your child tests positive for Coronavirus during the school closure, please do inform us via [covid@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk](mailto:covid@emmanuel.camden.sch.uk) as we still need to report this data to Camden.

Finally, please accept my apologies for the amount of information in this letter and its late timing. Your support is very much appreciated!

With best wishes,



Miss Burns  
Acting Head Teacher