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Dear Parents,

Last Wednesday the government announced the delayed return to school in areas where the Coronavirus is most prevalent. It was announced, yesterday, that this criterion now applies to the borough of Lewisham. This means that Deptford Park School will be closed to pupils for the first two weeks of term and that learning will take place remotely in Google Classroom from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

The current advice on when schools will reopen indicates that children can return to school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We will respond to any further announcements as they come in and update you all when we know more.

We will do all that we can to remain open for the children of critical workers and for children with certain needs. We now need to quickly put together a register of key workers. Children of key workers and vulnerable children will be able to attend school onsite from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is a planned INSET day).

In order for us to allocate room space, correct staffing numbers and maintain the integrity of our bubble system, it is vital that parents inform us of their key worker status or whether their child is considered vulnerable. 'Vulnerable' refers to children who have an Education Health Care Plan or a social worker attached to the family. We realise circumstances may have changed since the last school closure or during the festive period.

Please click here:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/SchoolBusinessManagerForms/DeptfordParkSchoolCriticalWorkerBookingWc050121>

Please complete this form by 12 noon on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January to let us know if you need a place at Deptford Park during this extended closure.

Clubs and wrap-around care will not operate during this period. I would remind you that the safest place for your child is at home and if you can make arrangements so that s/he does not need to come to school, they should not attend.

Happy New Year and stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

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