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Remote Learning

Dear Parents and carers,

On the 1st January the government announced that the Education Contingency Framework will be implemented across all London boroughs.

This framework is being implemented as a last resort to help supress the spread of the virus in the community, protect public health and save lives. The framework is not being implemented due to safety concerns in our school. The government are due to review the situation by the 18th January 2021.

This means that Morningside will only be open to the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils for the next two weeks. All other pupils will access learning from home under our Blended Learning Policy.

If your child attended school during the March – June lockdown you will be contacted today to discuss attendance, start times and other details. If you are a critical worker and would like your child to attend, please contact the school office today by telephone or email and the admin team will be able to confirm if your child is eligible and if a space can be allocated. Please be aware we are not able to offer breakfast club and after school club until school reopens to all pupils.

Start and finish times for those children attending school are as follows:

8.45-9am (start) and 3.30pm (finish)

All children enter through the car park gates.

In line with our Blended Learning Policy, we are providing remote learning that is closely linked to the Morningside curriculum. This is outlined for each subject and year group in the Blended Learning Policy which can be found on our website. The curriculum is carefully sequenced which facilitates the provision of

high-quality online and offline resources. Learning will follow the normal school timetable. Each class will have a meeting with their teacher in the morning and a meeting in the afternoon. Your child is expected to engage with the online learning and to attend all class meetings.

Class teachers and support staff will also be making calls during the two weeks to check in on progress and to offer support with learning. Families who do not have access to suitable technology should contact the school office on 020 8985 5382 or admin@morningside.hackney.sch.uk

We are currently in the process of organising provision for those eligible for free school meals. You will be contacted with an update within the next two working days once arrangements are in place.

My thanks for your patience during these challenging times. Please contact the school office if we can be of support to you or if you have any questions. Although there will be reduced staffing in place, leaders will always be available during the school day. We will do our best to keep you updated when new information becomes available to us regarding the return to school date for all pupils.

In the meantime, please look after yourselves and each other and stay safe.

Kind regards

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