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Dear parents and carers,

### **Partial school closure**

The government has taken the decision to close schools across London from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. In accordance with this, **our school will remain closed until the end of the day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

From tomorrow, schools in London will be expected to play a role in support of vulnerable learners and key workers. This will involve us being open for some pupils. We have directly contacted the families of pupils who we expect to be in school and have also contacted parents/carers about their key worker status.

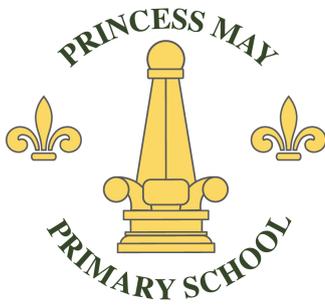
This is a difficult situation which impacts us all, but we believe that the closure of schools is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone, and prevent further spread of the virus.

Our staff have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to implement our new remote learning policy, to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their learning at home. Our remote learning policy can be found here:

<https://www.princessmay.hackney.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=449&type=pdf>

A summary of what the partial school closure means for you can be found below:

- Microsoft Teams will be used to structure remote learning, with lessons taken from Oak National academy as well as from some of our other schemes of work
- Pupils requiring alternative work will be set work using the Seesaw program as well as Dynamo Maths and/or Lexia. If your child takes part in any of these, you will be informed by their class teacher
- A daily live registration session to take place each morning between 9:00 and 9:15 via Microsoft Teams
- Children will be expected to have daily contact with teachers through Teams – phone calls may also be made to follow up on work
- Children with Special Educational Needs or more vulnerable children may be contacted more regularly by telephone with 'doorstep' visits made in some cases to offer additional support
- The parents of children entitled to Free School Meals will be provided with a time to collect a package (contactless collection) from the school each week with enough food to provide 5 days' worth of lunches for each entitled child – you will be advised of your collection slot by way of a text shortly
- A weekly communication from the senior leadership team to be sent home to all parents and carers with key updates.



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Additionally, Ms Archer (Assistant Headteacher) and Ms Blunden (SENCO) will be running a remote workshop for parents via Microsoft Teams, should you have any additional questions surrounding our remote learning policy. Further details of this, as well as the link to join the meeting, will follow shortly.

My thanks to all parents, carers and children for their patience and calmness during these challenging times. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the partial school closure, please contact: [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk) or in an emergency leave a voicemail on the usual office number of 020 7254 1589. **Please do not visit the school in person unless expressly invited.**

We will contact you again next week in preparation for the expected return of children on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Please stay safe and do not hesitate to get in touch should you encounter any issues.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Reynolds  
Headteacher