



Garfield Primary
Today's children, tomorrow's future.

31 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: URGENT & IMPORTANT Information – Garfield Primary closed to the majority of the pupils

Following an announcement yesterday from the Education Secretary Mr Gavin Williamson, I am writing to let you know that Garfield **will not be open** to the majority of pupils on Monday 4th January 2021.

Many Primary schools in London (including all in Enfield) are to be closed until the 18th January (when this will be reviewed by Government).

The reason for this closure is due to the high rates of Covid in certain areas including Enfield.

What does this mean?

For the majority of pupils remote learning will take place. We have good systems already and will send a letter shortly reminding you of how to access the remote learning for your child/children. This is already on our website.

The school will offer emergency care provision in school for pupils who meet the criteria. This provision will be offered to pupils who are deemed vulnerable, have SEN, specifically an EHCP <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#vulnerable-children-and-young-people> (please click on this link to read the criteria in more detail).

Also where parents are critical workers (previously called Key workers)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers> (please click on this link to read the criteria in more detail).

The school has today contacted some parents by telephone today and we have attached an application and agreement form for any parent who requires their child to attend school, as they must complete this form. Parents will be required to provide evidence of their critical status if not previously provided. **Deadline: Please complete the form and email it to office@garfield.enfield.sch.uk by 10am Sunday 3rd January 2021.**

Due to the short notice of this announcement and the amount of work that is needed to set up this alternative school provision, only remote learning will be available on Monday 4th January. No pupils can therefore attend school on Monday 4th January.

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I am sure you appreciate there is a considerable organisation and Health & Safety considerations to implement.

Our aim will be to provide Emergency care provision in school from Tuesday 5th January.

It is really important to stress that a number of Garfield pupils and staff have already been affected by COVID. The holiday period has shown an increase in cases nationally.

I know I can count on your support in following the **Tier 4** guidelines. The provision in school will only be for those who absolutely need it. This will help maximise the safety of both pupils and staff.

School Meals – We will contact parent on Monday about this.

I apologise for contacting you on what is New Year's Eve. I hope you understand that it was important to keep you informed as soon as possible to assist your planning.

The school office will be open again from 8.15am to 4.15pm from Monday 4th January, please contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Karen Khwaja

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Enclosed:
Childcare Provision Application – January 2021
Childcare Provision Agreement – January 2021

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