



Westlands Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to write to you with an update of the current situation and our plans over the coming weeks leading up to the Christmas Holidays.

We fully appreciate this is an anxious and challenging time and we have been dealing with complex circumstances throughout this term. As you will be aware the large majority of the school staff and pupils are currently self-isolating, although we remain open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers in the classes that are not self-isolating (you will have already been contacted if this relates to your child).

As we move into next week a number of classes will have completed their self-isolation period and can begin returning to school. However, we also need to ensure that we are able to maintain safe staffing levels to welcome children back and the level of staffing remains a critical issue within the school. With this in mind, we are only able to offer key worker provision for year groups as they return with the first year group being Year 6 on 8th December and Year 4 from 10th December. We will be in contact with each year group prior to the return date to identify the number of critical worker places needed. Please note these places will be available as they were during the original lockdown - that is for critical workers who have no other alternative childcare.

All year groups will be running a full remote learning program and you will have already received information about how your child can access their learning. We have enhanced this offer from the original lockdown provision and staff are working hard remotely to ensure we can continue to provide engaging learning activities (and some fun learning resources on the run up to Christmas).

We would like to thank you all for your support and understanding during this time and we will continue to keep in contact with you as things move forwards

Please remember if anyone in your family is self-isolating they should not be leaving the house during that 14-day period.

Warm wishes to you and your families

Mrs K Mirams
Executive Headteacher

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