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Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: REMOTE EDUCATION FOR THE START OF THE SPRING TERM 2021

Since our letter to you yesterday, the Secretary of State for Education (Gavin Williamson) issued another announcement about the start of the Spring Term 2021. He announced that:

“From Monday 4th January, all London primary schools will be required to provide remote learning to all children except for ‘vulnerable’ and ‘critical worker children’ who will continue to attend school.”

The announcement, which was issued late yesterday evening, means that we are writing to you once more to provide an update on arrangements for next week.

Remote Education

From Tuesday 5th January, the vast majority of children at Holbeach will be taught by their class teacher via Microsoft Teams. We will write to you again on Monday to provide full details of how this will work (e.g. a timetable for these lessons) but in the meantime, we advise that you ensure that you have the correct login details for Teams.

Vulnerable and Critical Worker Children

Please note that the government's guiding principal is that: **If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.** Therefore, this service really is only for key/critical workers who are in the exceptional circumstances of being prevented from going to work because there is no one who can provide the childcare at home (for example, if one of the child's parents is NOT a key/critical worker then they are expected to look after the children at home to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus).

If you believe that your child is either 'vulnerable' or that you are a 'critical worker' and you wish to use this childcare service, you **should contact the school via the main email address (admin@holbeach.lewisham.sch.uk) by Monday 4th January** to let us know that you intend to do so. To ensure that this offer is as transparent as possible, we are also asking key/critical workers to provide proof of employment (e.g. a copy of your NHS workers pass/lanyard).

We apologise for any confusion that our letter to you yesterday may have caused. We continue to try and keep you as up to date as possible with all the latest advice, but unfortunately, we cannot legislate for very late government U-turns, which have left us changing our plans again.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

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