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Dear parents,

On 30 December 2020 the government announced that in order to help contain the community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), some restrictions to primary education settings are required in certain areas. This guidance refers to schools in parts of England heavily affected by Covid-19.

The list has been published which confirms that Bromley is within the Contingency Framework Areas, as is much of London and Kent. Therefore, our school will be closed to most children with the exception to children of critical workers and those defined as vulnerable.

These local measures will be kept under review and will be reviewed again by 18th January.

St Vincent's Primary School will be providing remote learning that can be accessed from Google classroom. This will include live lessons from Tuesday 5th January and pupil's packs if required. You will find more information on your child's page in Google Classroom from Monday 4th 12:00 pm.

Only children from critical workers and vulnerable children should attend school. We are asking parents to respect this as it is paramount to combat the spread of the virus.

If you are a critical worker and need to send your child/ren to school, please let us know in advance if possible, with your child's name and year group, as we will need to make staffing arrangements for cover. Please be advised we may require some proof e.g. letter from employer.

I would like to update you on the preparations the school is taking

- Teachers will be, most of the times, working from home delivering live lessons, contacting vulnerable families and monitoring engagement and learning.
- All children should be accessing the learning remotely. If you are experiencing difficulties with technology or devices, please let us know and we will try to make alternative arrangements.
- Children attending school will be grouped according to staffing needs and will not necessarily be grouped in bubbles. They will be accessing the same learning as children who remain at home.
- The members of staff looking after the children in school will not necessarily be their class teacher as, explained previously, they might be working from home.

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- Children classified as vulnerable are expected to attend school. We will be in touch with all vulnerable children on Monday to discuss arrangements.
- The school will still be offering school meals to children attending school. If your child has packed lunch, they can continue to do so as usual.
- Children in receipt of free school meals will still get them. This will be in school or at home if you are shielding, isolating or quarantining.
- Children attending school will do following their usual times and P.E. days. Breakfast club is still running.

These arrangements will be in place from January 4th.

Thank you for your support and understanding during these difficult times.

Kind regards

Mrs Gonzalez
Headteacher

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