

Water Primary School

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Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you all have enjoyed a restful break and have managed to spend time with your families.

I wanted to update you all with the planned reopening of school next week.

Many of you will have read and seen the current confusion surrounding this. At the moment, I am as unclear and confused as you must all be. We have had no new information other than the news from Wednesday that the majority of schools will return apart from those in the London Boroughs. What I am extremely clear about is the absolute need for schools to be places in which, children can attend safely without causing harm to families and communities. This has to be everyone's aim and priority.

There will be many parents, who will be fearful of a return and there will be parents who would like their children to return, as always, I am understanding of both viewpoints. It is my responsibility that children receive an education in a safe environment. Please be patient with us over the next few days and we begin to work out how this can be achieved and also allow us to digest any information we may receive. None is forthcoming from either the Government or the Local Council as I write this letter. It is my belief that we will be instructed to deliver remote learning from Tuesday, however this is just my view and may not be correct but I wanted to warn and give you as much time to prepare as possible.

I have told the staff to stay away from school on Monday and plan from home, plan possible remote learning activities and to also design home learning packs in preparation for this eventuality. My staff, just like the children and community are my priority and it is imperative I keep them safe, that is why I feel it is an unnecessary risk to bring them altogether for one day especially when there is a chance it will be remote education from Tuesday. I hope you understand this.

We do not want to be in this position, we know how difficult remote learning is, not just for parents but for the whole Water community but as always and as we have done in the past, we have tried our best. You all have and I am extremely proud of you all. We would like nothing more than to welcome all pupils back and continue with the Water Primary normal.



I will of course keep you updated with any new information. At the moment the plan remains to open on Tuesday. I do however, totally understand the concerns you may have of a return to school for your children and I will have empathy and sympathy for you if you decide to keep your child or children at home, if the situation does not change.

Please have patience with us, as we are still awaiting guidance, help and support from the Government.

Please take care.

Mr Willan
Headteacher

