



Coronavirus (COVID-19): Continued School Closure of Dorothy Barley Junior Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the government announced on 30th December that, whilst many primary schools will be opening on 4th January, there would be a number of schools in critical areas throughout the country where the coronavirus infection rate means that the opening of schools in those areas would need to be delayed. Barking & Dagenham is one of the areas confirmed by the government where schools would not be re-opening for all pupils on 6th January.

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In these areas, schools would be open only for pupils who are the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils.

Please email the school office if you believe your child fits the criteria for attendance. The Office and Inclusion Teams will also be in touch on Monday 4th January to confirm with parents who will be attending the site. Please, if you see a call from an unknown number do answer it. We will not be accepting children onto the site on 6th January unless we have confirmed their attendance with you by phone call or email on Monday 4th January.

Keeping Pupils Safe

There is nothing more important to us than the safety of our children and community. Although we are really looking forward to the opportunity to see as many of our children as possible again, we will of course be following the government guidance to keep children and families as safe as possible.

When the government confirms that schools in this area are allowed to open fully again, we will carry out a full risk assessment and open at the earliest possible opportunity.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children will be able to attend the site from 6th January and school times will revert back to **8:40am to 3:05pm** during the school closure period. Lunch provision will work as normal during this time although children will eat in their classrooms in their temporary school closure bubbles to minimise mixing. Those on site will be accessing educational provision in their year group not childcare. Those who are learning remotely will be able to access the same lessons via Loom with teacher feedback via Google Classroom in line with our Contingency

Plan which can be found here: <https://dorothybarleyjunioracademy.co.uk/covid-19-information-and-updates/>

The principles for remote education are set out here and will be the same arrangements as we have had for bubble closures.

There will be no PE for children on site during these two weeks but they will be encouraged to be active at playtime and lunchtime.

If you have any questions about remote education, please call or email the school office and someone from the staff team will be in touch with you on Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th to help.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We know that the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic are not yet over, but with your help we are determined to continue to do the very best for all our children throughout this difficult time.

From Monday 4th January 2021 please use the Office email to report and Covid-19 related issues office@dbja.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Leicester
Headteacher