



Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear Woodberry Down Families,

Firstly, we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year.

As you may be aware, the Department of Education took the decision on Friday 1st January, to close all Hackney primary schools along with all primary schools in London until the 18th January. This means that Woodberry Down will be closed to all pupils except key worker children and pupils identified as being vulnerable from Monday 4th until Friday 15th January.

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Pupils of Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils can attend school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

School will be open for pupils of key workers or pupils who have been identified as being vulnerable. Eligibility for key worker status can be found [here](#). Please note that pupils who attend school due to being a child of a key worker or vulnerable will:

- Receive the same work as their peers who are learning remotely.
- Attend school between 9.00am and 3.30pm (there will be no wraparound provision).
- Be supported by a member of staff who may not be their usual classteacher.

Please email evidence of your eligibility, such as a photo of your work ID or your contract, to Enis Zaman (ezaman@newwavefederation.co.uk) by 4pm on Monday the 4th January.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals, the school will provide you with a packed lunch, which can be collected from the school at 11am daily. If you wish to collect a free School Meal please contact Christine at the front desk and she will arrange this for you.

We appreciate that these last minute changes are incredibly difficult to deal with and many of you will be disappointed and frustrated but we will endeavour to carry on with your support until the crisis is over. As you know, guidance from the government can come late and change quickly, but we will contact you with further updates as soon as we get them.

Finally, we want to thank you for your continued support for the school. We are continually amazed by the resilience, kindness and tolerance demonstrated by our families facing incredibly difficult circumstances. Please contact us with any queries or concerns. We are here to help and will do our best to support you and your children.

With warmest regards,

Nicole Reid
Executive Headteacher

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Headteacher