

Dear Parents/Carers,

School closed from 15th December 2020

We were notified late in the afternoon on Sunday 13th December that Royal Greenwich are asking all schools to close to the majority of students from 15th December. I attach the letter from the Leader of the Council which explains why he made this decision.

As a local authority school, we will follow the guidance of the local authority, although I am sure parents will be reassured to know that we have had no cases of Covid 19 in our school for the past seven days.

School will operate normally today, but from Tuesday to Thursday this week we will move to offer remote learning online to students. The details of online learning will be on ClassCharts and all students will have some zoom lessons so they can continue to experience some live learning and maintain contact with their teachers. We do have a small number of laptops available to students without IT access, if your child is in this position please let us know today. The Year 11 mock exams planned for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be moved to January.

Eltham Hill will remain open to our vulnerable children and to the children of key workers. If we believe your child is entitled to come into school we will inform you via email and text by 12 o'clock today. If your circumstances have changed or we are unaware your child might need to be in school please do let us know as soon as possible after 12 today. Our Key Worker and Vulnerable children in school will be organised into bubbles and supervised by staff but will be expected to get on with their ClassCharts work and zoom into lessons as if they were at home. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer a bespoke timetable for them as we did during the lengthy lockdown period last academic year.

We are disappointed not to be able to have our planned end of term activities with students and mark the end of term properly. We will record our end of term assembly and make that available to students to watch online so that we all get to celebrate some of the great successes of the term.

I hope that you and your family have a safe and healthy holiday and that 2021 proves to be a much better year for our whole community. We expect to be welcoming students back to school as normal on Tuesday 5th January but if the guidance changes over the Christmas period we will of course let you know.

With very best wishes

Erika Podmore