



The Craylands School

Craylands Lane, Swanscombe, Kent, DA10 0LP

Tel: 01322 388230

admin@craylands.kent.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr K Hiscock

30th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Reopening in January information

Firstly, can I take this opportunity to say that I hoped you were able to enjoy some time with family over Christmas.

I would like to say that 2021 will begin positively, however as some of you may be aware of, the government has stated this afternoon that some primary schools in tier 4 will not be able to return on Monday 4th January as planned.

At the back of the document [Contingency framework implementation guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/544212/contingency-framework-implementation-guidance.pdf) Dartford is listed as an area that will need to follow this guidance.

As a result, the vast majority of the children will need to begin term 3 with remote learning using Class Dojo; for those who do not have access to this, you will need to make contact with the school on Monday 4th January to inform us of this so that we can make alternative arrangements for you. It would appear that this arrangement will be in place until 18th January where a review will take place.

I shall send out details in a separate communication regarding what the remote learning will look like on a daily basis over the weekend.

In line with the guidance, the school will however be open for the following children:

Children of critical workers: Where a critical worker parent or carer notifies a school that their child requires full-time on-site provision, the school should make this available. You can check whether this includes you through the following link:

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)

May I urge you where possible to try to make arrangements for your child to be cared for so that they do not have to come into school whilst these restrictions are in place.

Please can you email me at headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk if you are a critical worker, stating what your role is and the name and class of your child so that we can collate who will be in school during this period of time.

Vulnerable children: Vulnerable children are expected to attend full-time on-site provision where it is appropriate for them to do so. These include children who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance

We will be in touch within the next day or so with those we consider to be in the vulnerable group to ascertain whether you will be sending your child into school from 4th January.

I can assure you that this is not how any of us wanted to start school again in term 3. We will do everything we can to support where possible and ensure that the remote learning enables the children to continue with their education at home.

This is an initial letter after the announcement this afternoon to make you aware of the situation so that you are able to arrange child care from Monday 4th January. Further guidance will be provided later in the week and at the beginning of next week.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to email me at headteacher@craylands.kent.sch.uk – may I may it clear to you here that whilst I am aware it may not be a popular decision with some of you, I have not made this decision and am following national guidance.

Stay safe and take care.

Yours sincerely

K. Hiscock

Mr Hiscock

Headteacher



**ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY THOSE WHO
CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE KEY WORKERS
E.G. NHS, POLICE, FRONTLINE STAFF**

F.A.O. Mr Hiscock

TO BE RETURNED ON FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

Child's name.....

Parents name.....

I will be sending my child into school from Monday 23rd March

I will not be sending my child into school from Monday 23rd March

Key worker role.....

Signed.....

Please note that when we get further information on who key workers are, we will be able to inform you as to whether you fall into that category and are able to send your child into school from Monday.

..