

The Compass Partnership of Schools

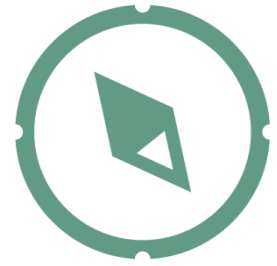
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To all our families,

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a great festive break.

We start the new year with an increasingly changing picture at both a local and national level. Schools in London have been asked by the government to move learning online for the first two weeks of the new school term. The only children attending school will be the children of critical workers, those who are vulnerable and those children who have an Education and Health Care Plan. I know that this decision has come very late and it will be difficult for families to make alternative arrangements with such short notice. I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding as we work with the changing picture locally and nationally and adapt our school provision accordingly.

Each school team has risen to the challenge and dedicated themselves to planning for learning in school and online over the next two weeks to ensure children are safe and happy. I would like to thank them all for being the best team to be a part of.

Compass schools remain open for the key groups identified by the government. Over the coming weeks as more staff may need to isolate as a result of the increased testing capacity locally, and the demands of test, track and trace we may need to make adjustments to provision to ensure we maintain safety. If we are unable to ensure staffing is at a safe level and provision is therefore affected, we will notify parents as soon as we can of this. It may involve us asking families to make alternative childcare arrangements where possible.

I am very mindful that the current arrangements mean we will not have seen some families and children for four weeks. Whilst we hope that our schools will be fully open soon, we want to assure you that we are here for you all at any time should you need to call for advice or seek help and assistance.

Keep healthy and safe.

My very best wishes to you all.

John Camp

Trust Leader