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Dear Parent/Carer,



Thank you for your support over the last few days. I have met with Headteachers and the Local Authority today and wanted to clarify the arrangements for the next few days.



We have decided to name tomorrow (Wednesday) an on-line learning day to really focus on the learning that will take place, as it did today. This is happening in many Waltham Forest Schools. Key worker and vulnerable pupils booked in can still attend school. **All operational arrangements will remain the same as those in place today, and previously shared with you, including the free school meal arrangements.**



Thursday becomes a CPD or INSET day based on 'Best Practice in Remote, Vulnerable and Key Worker Education in a Covid World' but, due to the reflective learning from the previous on-line training day, the Leadership Team and Chair of Governors have responded to staff feedback and allowed staff to continue to practice by teaching and trying new approaches in on-line lessons, but also providing places in school for key worker and vulnerable pupils for the same learning, as it did today. **All operational arrangements will remain the same as those in place today, and previously shared with you, including today's free school meal arrangements.** However, staff will really benefit from this extra INSET day opportunity.



Unless you hear from me, arrangements for Friday will remain the same operationally.

We expect attendance, as today, in all classes until the end of Friday period 2.



I do appreciate this may make you concerned. **Please rest assured it is business as it was today, as we always aim for, which is providing our community with high quality, but safe learning, in these uncertain times.**



Your children did brilliantly today; constantly adapting. Thank you to the Learning and Teaching Admin Team for dealing with all your queries. And of course to all my amazing staff.



I am now self-isolating until Christmas Eve as a family member has tested positive. I can now understand what you have been going through and it's only been a few hours! Please do contact me by email if you have any questions. Please rest assured, that there are no changes from today's programme.



For other issues or correspondence, or if you are waiting for a response, please bear with me; it has been an interesting week. I will ensure all is closed off before the end of term and will continue to communicate via Parent Mail. Ms Close and Mr Abbott and my Leadership Team are, of course, both at school.



Thank you to all who got tested today. The MTU was efficient and exemplary practice from these keyworkers, mostly NHS workers.



Stay Safe in Tier 3 and follow all the guidance to make the area safer for us all.

All the best

Emma Hillman

Headteacher