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Dear Parents and Carers

New government guidance update

As you are aware the government has announced that primary schools in areas where there are very high rates of COVID-19 infection should **only re-open to critical/keyworker pupils and vulnerable pupils over the next two weeks** - until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at the earliest.

Link to contingency framework:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/948630/Contingency\_framework\_implementation\_guidance.pdf

This announcement has direct bearing on our school and as a result I have met with the Reach2 Trust leadership as well as with our own school leadership team today. This was to consider the DfE guidance and additional measures we will need to have in place for **staff as well as our critical/keyworker and vulnerable pupils who will be attending as at Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.** 

In the first instance we need to kindly ask that you complete a FORMS survey. The link will be sent out to all primary parents and carers in a separate email.

This will provide us with the number of children we can expect on Tuesday in order to prepare classroom bubbles as well as allow us to give due consideration to our remote learning offer for those pupils who will be working from home.

The Nursery will remain open to all nursery children. Please liaise directly with the nursery manager, Stef Montgomery, at <a href="mailto:nursery@newhallacademy.org">nursery@newhallacademy.org</a> if you have any questions.

Teachers will meet on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and we will send out additional information to primary parents regarding access to remote learning by Monday afternoon.

My very best wishes to you all at this really difficult time. Please take good care of yourselves and your children.

Kind regards

Charmaine Ward



