



## FROGMORE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friday 1st January 2021

Dear Parents,

We are finalising our arrangements for the start of term and, along with all primary schools, we are considering the latest guidance shared with us from the Department for Education and our own academy trust, GLF Schools.

Currently, Frogmore Junior School will be open to pupils from Tuesday 5th January 2021, as originally published through our school calendar. I understand that you may have questions or concerns regarding this – please see the attached Google Form which can be used if you would like to raise a question related to Covid-19 and January opening directly with us.

In addition, as part of our own risk assessment procedure and in response to the local situation at our school, we will need to temporarily close school each Friday afternoon from 12.50pm starting on Friday 15th January until Friday 12th February when we will review this arrangement.

It is increasingly difficult to run the school as efficiently and effectively as usual with staff shortages we are currently facing due to Covid-19. We are trying to avoid a school closure and also staff moving across teaching bubbles, in order to keep our school community safe. This common issue was highlighted by the CEO of GLF in his letter circulated to all parents at the end of term.

*“We have seen an increase in the number of staff needing to self-isolate. We will do all we can to make sure that our schools remain open, but it may be necessary to close bubbles or year groups if the number of staff unable to work increases.”*

We ask that children in years 3 & 4 (and any older siblings) be collected at 12.50pm and years 5 & 6 be collected at 1pm.

Online learning will be available to all of our pupils via Seesaw every Friday afternoon and this will be explained and shown to the children beforehand.

If your child attends ‘Just Like Home’ after school club, Lea will be available and welcomes you to contact her to make further arrangements.

I know that this is a difficult and challenging time for all of us. We will continue to do our best for our children and families and, together, look forward to times that are beyond the current pandemic situation.

### Actions

Please respond to the [online form](#) by 12.00 (noon) on Monday 4th January with any questions regarding to Covid-19 and our January opening.

Thank you for your support,

Mr C M McCarthy  
Executive Headteacher

