

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and you have all been able to enjoy what has been a very different Christmas holiday period for us all.

No doubt many of you will have heard the announcements made this afternoon regarding the reopening of schools in January. You will know by now that we receive announcements at the same time as you and that we aim to provide you with specific information as fast as we can.

It has been made clear to us by the Government that the vast majority of primary schools across the country will reopen next week as planned. However, due to our location and the number of cases within our locality, we have been informed that as a Croydon school, Oasis Academy Byron must remain closed until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

We understand that there will be mixed feelings about the school closure, given the current situation across the country, but also knowing the impact the last school closure had on many of our families and children last year. Therefore, at this time, I want to reassure you that we will be doing everything possible to provide detailed and relevant work and support for you and your children whilst they are at home.

We will be communicating with you regarding provision for specific children and critical worker children and how to request this. At this point I would like to state that wherever possible children should remain at home, even critical worker children, in order to reduce the rate of transmission. In the current situation critical workers have been defined as parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) response including those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors. If your work comes under this category, please use the following link as soon as possible

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe\\_lj1DVdID1HO5Fx10a6ED4h207voD7lyfyr6\\_LhA62M7unw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_lj1DVdID1HO5Fx10a6ED4h207voD7lyfyr6_LhA62M7unw/viewform?usp=sf_link) We will confirm then confirm the arrangements with you on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

We know that this will be a difficult 2 weeks for many but within this rapidly changing situation, we aim to work in partnership with you all and appreciate your continued support.

Kind regards,



Clare Wingrave - Principal

