

## DURANTS – UPPER SCHOOL HIGH STREET, SOUTHGATE, N14 6BN

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Dear Parents/carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas, and that you are safe and well or recovering if you have been unwell. I know that these are very anxious times and we are all concerned about those we love and care about.

As you will know rates of coronavirus infection are very high in Enfield, and the government announced on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December that schools in Enfield would only be open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children.

Although all Durants pupils are classed as vulnerable (because they all have an Education Health and Care Plan) as a school we feel it is very important that we continue to try to keep our pupils, staff and families as safe as possible. In addition, several of our staff are self-isolating, and will still be doing so next week. As a result we are having to make some changes to the start of term.

School will be closed to all children on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021. This is so that staff can have covid test and their results on the same day. We can then make sure the school is safe for you to send your children in. The staff team will also carry out a deep clean of the classrooms and all learning environments. The class teacher will provide online learning resources for your child for Monday. We will monitor if this is a successful approach and if so continue to test on Mondays. We will of course continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated in line with government guidelines.

We apologise for any difficulties this may cause and thank you for your understanding. If you have any queries pleas e do not hesitate to contact the office.

We hope that you all stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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