



5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly I'd like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year! We have to be optimistic that things will improve in 2021.

Yet again we find ourselves in the difficult position of entering a National Lockdown and having to act quickly to change our plans. We were looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school today, the start of the Spring term, only to be told by the Government late last night that schools would close and only open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers. I am sure you'll agree that the late announcement was extremely upsetting and frustrating, to be told such news at 8.00pm the night before we were due to return was unexpected and totally unacceptable.

The staff have been working very hard today making sure that **remote learning is ready for the children from tomorrow, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. There is an expectation that children access a programme of learning which is equivalent to the length of a school day. Class teachers will be available during the school day to respond to any questions the children might have. Children will be able to access remote learning via the schools website [www.ravensbury.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.ravensbury.manchester.sch.uk) Pupils should click on the 'pupil login' tab and enter their username and password, these can be found in the front of the children's home learning book. If your child doesn't have them then please contact school. The 'How to access home learning on School Spider' user guide is on the school's website.

During the period of national lockdown school is open to **vulnerable children and the children of critical workers**. Only if your child has been allocated a school place should they come to school on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. Children should come to school in their uniform. They should be dropped off at 9.00am and picked up at 3.15pm from the usual gate; Nursery-Nursery gate, Y1 and Y6-gate on Stockholm Street, Y2 and Y5-multicourt gate, Reception, Y3 and Y4-gate on Ravensbury Street. Children in school will do the same learning which the children are doing at home.

Staff will be in regular contact with families checking in to see how the children are getting on with their learning.

We recognise that in order to be successful in school, children need support both from home and school, now more than ever and we know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for your children's success and we want you to know that we will do our very best to ensure that they achieve their full potential.

These continue to be strange and uncertain times for all of us and again it will take some time to adjust to new procedures and routines which have been put in place to keep the Ravensbury community safe. Please keep checking the school website for the latest information.

Take care and stay safe,

*Mrs Hughes*

Headteacher



