



BURLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Following on from the recent Government announcement, I can confirm that Burlington Junior School will open on Tuesday 5th January as planned.

Children should come to school at their usual time regardless of what borough they live in.

This is the statement we have had from Kingston local authority as to why Kingston schools will open next week:

*The government announced yesterday its contingency framework for education. This puts restrictions on some primary schools in areas where there are high rates of infection. Primary schools in Kingston upon Thames are **not** on the list and so all schools will reopen to all pupils from 4 January 2021. We have been informed by Professor Kevin Fenton, Regional Director, PHE London that the DfE decisions were "based upon boroughs with the highest case rates and highest rates of 7- day case rate increase, based upon yesterday's (29 Dec) data". This situation will be regularly reviewed; the first review is expected by 18 January 2021.*

Please can we remind parents that it is more important than ever to remain apart from each other when dropping off and collecting their children and to quickly leave the school site as soon as possible.

Please kindly do not talk to staff face to face at the classroom door but do email the office and we can get staff to reply to your questions after school or call you if it needs a more detailed response.

We need to keep all our families and staff safe at this time and I thank you in advance for all your help with maintaining social distancing and wearing a mask on the school grounds.

Finally, please do not send your child to school if you or anyone in your family have any Covid symptoms. Please stay at home and wait for your test results. The office can help if you have any questions about what to do.

Happy new year, I sincerely hope 2021 will be a much better year for us all than 2020.

Mrs Pip Utting
Head teacher

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