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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Closure

I hope you have all managed to have a restful, peaceful, and enjoyable Christmas break and have stayed well.

I am sorry that my last letter to you in 2020 is bringing you some bad news, but I am sure you have all heard by now that the government has decided that primary schools in many Tier 4 areas will **not re-open** next week. This decision has been made to try and slow down the rate of infection of the coronavirus, whilst the vaccination programme can be rolled out to protect more people.

The London Borough of Barnet has been told to keep all its primary schools closed and so Colindale will **not** be re-opening as planned on the 5th January. From the 5th January we will **only be open for a small number of children of critical workers and those who are vulnerable**. The remaining children will have to stay at home and work on the **home learning** that our teachers will be setting them. We will be in contact with you on Monday 4th January with the details of the home learning plan and how you can access it for your children.

Critical workers and vulnerable children

Children of parents who are considered as 'critical workers' and those children who are considered 'vulnerable' will be able to attend school from 5th January. If you think your child/children fall into one of these categories, please email the office staff at office@colindale.barnetmail.net. The office staff will be in school from Monday 4th January and will respond to your emails as soon as they can. The list of critical workers and vulnerable children can be accessed by following the link below.
<https://bit.ly/38MXiaF>.

When emailing the office, please include your child's name, class, whether you are a critical worker, or your child is considered vulnerable, and if a critical worker your job title.

School hours for children of parents who are considered as 'critical workers' and those children who are considered 'vulnerable' will be from 8.45 am to 3.15 pm – if your child attends the Nursery or Little Rainbows part-time, they will attend their regular morning or afternoon session. We may be able to offer **Breakfast Club or After School club**, so please indicate in your email if this is a provision you will need.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Lucy Rodgers, Headteacher

