

Update following Government announcement about January 4th return to school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are probably now aware following the Government announcement this afternoon Southend primary schools are on the list of schools to close for all but key worker and vulnerable children from Monday 4th January 2021, and therefore Hamstel Infant School and Nursery will not be open as expected on Monday.

We are aware that this may cause you some anxiety and you will have a number of questions.

We only received this information at the same time as you but have since met as a leadership team to start putting things in place and will be in touch with further information as soon as we can to confirm our provision and to answer your questions. We will be sending out a survey to parents of Keyworker children and Vulnerable children to see how many children we would expect and then plan for staffing. We will also be sending out information regarding home learning for the week commencing Monday 4th January. We will not be able to offer either Breakfast Club or After School Club facilities for this first week.

We are grateful for your understanding and patience and will be in touch soon.

Please could I encourage you to have yourselves and your children tested prior to returning to school. There is an additional facility available at Nazareth House for testing as I know some testing centres have been rather busy today.

Kind regards,

Lisa Clark

Headteacher

