DATE: Wednesday 30th December 2020

SUBJECT: Delayed January opening 2021.

Dear Parents / Carers,

As many of you have heard this evening, Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, announced schools in hardest hit COVID areas will not open as planned after the Christmas break.

As the London Borough of Havering has been identified as one of the country’s COVID hot spots. This means that we will not be able to open after the Christmas break as planned. This means that children will receive remote learning until the Government review on 18th January 2021.

We are currently awaiting more Government guidance but what we do know is that we will only be able to open the school to Vulnerable children and those where both parents are working as Critical Workers, from Tuesday 5th January 2021.

All other classes will also begin with work on our Seesaw learning platform from Tuesday 5th January. More details on this will follow soon.

If you think your child meets the criteria and you will need a school place then please contact the school, via our school’s email office@brady.havering.sch.uk by Monday 4th January 2021 at 12pm.

Below is the Governments list of who qualifies as a critical worker. Please remember if 1 parent is working at home then the children should remain in the family home with you.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>

During the last lockdown many parents requested their children to come into school. We will need evidence of the critical worker position you hold and what your shift patterns may be during these periods.

It is unlikely any child attending school in person will be taught by a teacher as they will be remotely teaching with the remainder of their classes. This also includes children who have an assigned 1:1 as they will still receive the care they are entitled too but it may not be their regular LSA due to rota systems etc. Once again, this will be discussed in greater detail when more is known.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office via email.

We appreciate your support and your patience during this difficult and challenging time. The health and wellbeing of our children and staff will always be at the heart of our decision making at Brady Primary School.

We apologise for not being able to share all the details, but as you can imagine, we are awaiting further Government guidance on this and putting plans together to provide a safe learning environment for all.

Once again, thank you for all your support during this challenging time,

Stay safe and happy New Year to everyone.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Michael Nunn

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