



nishkamschool  
west london



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones remain safe and well.

Following the government announcement yesterday, I write to inform you that all schools in Hounslow are now subject to the contingency framework for education due to an unprecedented increase in local infection rates. This means that the school will be closed for face-to-face teaching from 4<sup>th</sup> January to 18<sup>th</sup> January (subject to government review).

The school will remain open from 5<sup>th</sup> January for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. If you fall into this category, please let us know by completing this form <https://tinyurl.com/wgfxag5> as soon as possible. Please note that individual families in this category will be contacted with further information about the return to school.

During this deferred start to the term, we will move to remote education and teachers will be in touch with their classes from the 5<sup>th</sup> January to implement this. Please ensure that all pupils are able to access Show My Homework & Microsoft Teams where staff will provide further information about remote learning and teaching. If you are facing any challenges in accessing devices for your children, please contact the school at [enquiries.nswl@nishkamschools.org](mailto:enquiries.nswl@nishkamschools.org)

Our expectation is that all pupils fully engage with remote education so your support with this is very much appreciated. If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide for this.

### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19:

- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Testing is encouraged by booking online or calling 119.
- All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. The 10 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

### Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19> for further information.

We understand that this is a challenging time for our school community and we would like to remind you to get in touch if you are facing any individual difficulties as we are here to support you. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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