

16th December 2021

Dear HHS families,

Full school closure: 17th December 2021

We will be closed to all year groups tomorrow. This is a devastating end to the term; I am so sorry!

We are closing as we don't have enough staff to safely open the school. At present the DFE guidance is all schools must be open and we would be open if we could! There will be an offer from 8.30-12.10pm for our most vulnerable SEND students (who have all been contacted separately) If students need to come into school to collect anything from a locker or classroom they should email office@heartlands.haringey.sch.uk to arrange this before coming to school.

There is also an increasing and ongoing COVID risk to our community. It is becoming clear from your emails and messages that you are all very worried about COVID coming into your homes. This week we have taken all the measures we can to keep us all safe and COVID free but as we saw in the Prime Minister's briefing yesterday with 78000 cases per day at the moment this is becoming more and more difficult and has led to extreme staff shortages.

We don't know what the next few weeks will bring. I do not get any advance information or warning from the government on the national policy for schools. We are planning to be open to all on January 5th for testing and from January the 6th for all students to start learning full time. I really hope this is the case but if anything changes we will respond accordingly!

What can my child do at home over the holidays?

- Read, read and read some more! We have a great selection of books on our Eplatform [HERE](#)
- Screen time (yes you really did read that right!) planned and limited 2-3 hours for a 13 year old is absolutely fine
- Do something creative there are lots of projects [HERE](#) to keep teens busy
- Watch a film as a family
- Go for a walk as a family: Haringey has some lovely hidden places to explore read [HERE](#) for more information
- Do some home learning tasks/revise

You will receive your end of term safety and welfare bulletin tomorrow with even more ideas! We will be writing to just year 11 parents today regarding an update on the mocks due to happen in January.

Thank you for your ongoing support! May I take this opportunity to wish you a safe and restful Christmas and hope 2022 brings health and happiness for us all!

Best wishes



Mrs Roberts
Headteacher