



## **Newsletter**

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear	par	ents	carers,
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Happy New Year to you all!

Here is your video newsletter:

Please click on this link to view it: <a href="https://vimeo.com/498359459">https://vimeo.com/498359459</a>

Alternatively, you can go on our website and click on the staff video messages section to find it.

If you have been unable to view it, continue reading below.

As you may all be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that we are in a new national lockdown. That means we must stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

The picture in Tower Hamlets is alarming; with the new strain spreading more easily, we have reached rates 3 times higher than before Christmas and higher than the peak in March. With 1000 cases per 100,000 and with 1 in 30 people in London currently with COVID we must do all we can to stop the spread of the virus.

This is why schools have been closed to most children, with the exception of our vulnerable and critical worker children.

We are providing remote and online learning to all children, through a combination of live classes, small group interventions, video lessons and the learning blogs. Please make sure the children are in a healthy routine, ready to learn from 9 am.

It has been fantastic to see so many children logging into the live sessions and being enthusiastic about their learning, keep sending teachers the children's work and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the teachers directly through the class email.

If your child cannot attend the live sessions, please do let us know just as you would on a normal school day.

We have distributed all our Chrome Books and devices to those families who requested them, but I know there are more families that have requested devices. We have ordered more through the Department for Education and we should expect them delivered next week. Please email us at <a href="mailto:admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk">admin@virginia.towerhamlets.sch.uk</a> should you need a Chrome book for your child.

Stay safe, healthy and kind

Best wishes,

Barbara Lo Giudice, acting head teacher