

31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter reaches you all in good health and that you have managed to spend some quality time with your family over the break despite the restrictions. I am writing with the purpose of communicating some key changes to the beginning of the spring term following recent government and DFE announcements for schools regarding COVID19 yesterday.

As you are probably aware, the rising rates of coronavirus infections have led the Government to delay the return to face-to-face teaching in Primary schools across Redbridge and neighbouring boroughs, meaning that INA Primary will not be reopening for most pupils over the coming weeks.

- The academy will now have three inset days from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. Monday will now be used to ensure all staff are tested before returning to work, as well as providing much needed time to plan for the next few weeks, especially for the remote learning.
- **All year groups** will have remote learning starting **on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. Further information will be communicated for each year group detailing their timetable and remote provision early next week and to provide you with any support you need.
- We expect the children to be able to return to school on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January**, but this will be reviewed by the Government nearer the time.

Face-to-face education will only be offered to vulnerable pupils and children of key critical workers. So, unless your child or children fall into one of those categories, they should not return to school as planned next week. If you require a key worker place for your child, please contact the school no later than 4pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

The rising rate of infection is naturally of concern to us, and we will be keeping the safety of our community at the heart of all our planning. I thank you in advance for your support during such unpredictable times

With every good wish to you all for 2021.

Yours sincerely

Ms Broadway

Head of Primary & Vice Principal