



Wednesday 16th December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, we have responded yesterday to new positive confirmed cases that have affected three more of our bubbles. These bubbles, alongside two other bubbles, are now closed. Three bubbles remain open.

As always, we have carefully followed guidance from the Government in order to minimise risk to our school community. Thank you all for your prompt collection of children – we understand the challenges this causes and hugely appreciate your positive and supportive responses. I would like to reassure you that the symptoms experienced by the children have been mild and that they have been making speedy recoveries.

In light of our most recent bubble closures, we will sadly not be inviting our Year 6 bubble, or the children affected by this first bubble closure, to return to school as planned on Thursday 17th December. Whilst we understand the disappointment that the children may feel, and the many challenges you face at home balancing work and childcare, we have made this decision in the best interest of all members of the school community. It is our sincere hope that this means that you and your families have the best possible chance of a restful break, uninterrupted by further possible periods of self-isolation. We will continue to provide remote learning for all children at home until Thursday 17th December and teachers will do their best to include some virtual festive fun. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Ahead of the break, it is important for us all to remember that the Government has placed us in Tier 3 from tomorrow, Wednesday 16th December. We must all adhere to the restrictions to keep everyone in our community safe. Please do read the following guidance carefully and share it with family and friends: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-3-very-high-alert>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Springfield Community for their unwavering support during these challenging times. I am very proud of how our pupils, staff and you at home come together and ensure that we look after each other and keep each other safe.

Please do not hesitate to contact us over the next few days for support or guidance. We are here to support you. Email the office at admin@springfield.hackney.sch.uk or call us on 0208 800 9007.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful break and the whole team and I **hugely** look forward to welcoming all of our bubbles back on Tuesday 5th January.

With warmest wishes,
Anna Case

