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Dear parents and carers,

You may have seen in the news this morning that the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, has ordered Greenwich Council to reverse its advice to close schools. Please see the links below to access the letters that have been sent to parents today from the Council.

Yesterday, Compass Trustees tried to strike a balance by staying open for all families whilst enabling parents to access learning from home if they needed to.

Following the letter we sent to you yesterday, we are reaffirming that our schools are open until the end of the day on Thursday. In his letter the Secretary of State says that he would like all children to have face to face teaching in school until the end of term.

We are sorry parents and children have been caught in the middle of the differing approaches of local and national parties; it has been far from ideal and may have caused confusion and concern. As a Trust we will continue to keep the safety and wellbeing of our children at the centre of our decision making.

Please contact your school should you have any further questions.

Very best wishes for the festive season.

Mary Whitehead

On behalf of the Compass Board of Trustees

[Letter from the Royal Borough of Greenwich to Parents 15.12.2020](#)

[Letter from the Royal Borough of Greenwich to Headteachers 15.12.2020](#)

[Letter from the Royal Borough of Greenwich to the Secretary of State 15.12.2020](#)