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Return to school

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to start by wishing everybody a Happy New Year. I hope it will be a better year for us all.

I am writing to update you on the current situation. We have received no advance information at any stage and the advice seems to change quite frequently, but below is information as of Monday 4th.

The government has stated that schools in all of London should close for two weeks until 18th when the situation will be reviewed. They may well extend the closure.

School remains open for the children of key workers, those with special needs and the vulnerable (please see below for definition of these categories). It looks like about 100 children will be coming into school tomorrow.

Online learning will be provided by the teachers on the website.

We are aware that some people may struggle to access online learning and if you need a hard paper copy of the work, please just inform the office or your class teacher and we will be happy to make provision for you.

We will continue to make weekly contact with the children by phone as before.

There is some important news about the food vouchers. The government will no longer be funding these at the current time, but the school is able to provide a weekly food parcel to all those who are eligible for free school meals or those in Key Stage One who may be eligible. If you would like to access this service please contact the office. A food parcel is likely to consist of dried food such as rice or spaghetti with some foods like cheese given out weekly, most likely on a Friday .

It is such a shame that it has come to this as the children were really flying with their learning and had made up a lot of ground last term. For example , we were pleased to hear today that our year 2 phonics results were 94% which compares very well with the Southwark average of 79%.

I know how difficult this will be for some families and we are wanting to help in any way we can.

Vulnerable children:

- Children who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- SEN – children who have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- Adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
- Children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
- Have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance. We will contact families on Monday 4th January for those children who fall into this category.

Critical workers:

Parents whose work is critical to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and EU transition response include those who work in health and social care and in other key sectors outlined in the following sections:

- Health and social care
- Education and childcare
- Key public services
- Local and national government
- Food and other necessary goods
- Public safety and national security
- Transport and border
- Utilities, communication and financial service

I will write if I receive new information and we will continue to publish our weekly newsletter.

Until we meet again,

Yours sincerely,

C.Voller,
Headteacher