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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families are all well and keeping safe.

As we near the end of term I wanted to let you know what will be happening in schools over the summer and in September.

Last week the Government released more guidance and confirmed that schools will close over the summer but will reopen in September for all pupils.

So what does that mean for you?

- All 3 schools will close at 1pm on Friday 17th July.
- We will not be open to any children over the summer. Unfortunately, there will not be any play scheme on offer at our schools. However please see our weekly newsletter for how to register for Southwark's Food and Fun Scheme.
- School will reopen to Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 on **Thursday 3rd September**.
- Reception children and children who will continue in our nursery (Early Birds) will start on Monday 7th September.
- **All children will be expected to attend.** School will be compulsory again and families who don't attend may face fines.
- If you have booked a holiday over the summer, please let us know where you are travelling to and when you are due back in the UK. Please be aware that you may have to quarantine for 14 days if your destination is not on the Government's agreed list of countries. Therefore, if you have to quarantine you need to have returned to the UK by **Wednesday 19th August**.
- We will be able to offer Breakfast Club and After School Club from Monday 7th September
- At the moment there will be no school clubs after school in the Autumn Term.
- Many of the current protocols will remain; hygiene and hand washing, frequent cleaning.
- You must drop off your child between 8.45am and 9.15am. This will mean that we can continue to stagger the arrival of all our families.
- You must collect your child at the end of the day between 3pm and 3.30pm.
- All children will be brought to the playground at the end of the day.
- Only 1 parent is allowed to drop off/collect their child/ren.
- Please make sure you are social distancing from other families.
- Visitors and parents/carers cannot enter the site and/or gather at school gates.
- Please continue to phone and email us if you need to share information or ask questions. You will not have the usual daily contact with the teaching staff. We will not be sending home letters etc. and minimising any face to face contact. We will call or email you instead (this includes if your child has an accident).
- All children must wear school uniform.
- The children will be allowed to bring in a water bottle and their book bags and bring books home again.
- Whole year group or Phase bubbles will be created. You will have seen on the newsletter last Friday who the class teacher and teaching assistant is for every class.



- Where possible children will sit in rows facing the front.
- Children don't have to social distance in their bubbles
- Staff do have to maintain social distancing. Some adults will be moving between bubbles and between schools, but this will be limited.
- We will be following our normal school timetable and curriculum.
- Lunchtimes will be back in the dinner hall and will be staggered so only one class is in the hall at a time. Tables and benches will then be cleaned before the next class enters.
- Playtimes will be staggered and classes will be allocated an area of the playground to use.
- We will plan interventions to help children catch up on the learning they have missed this year.
- Other professionals will be coming into school to work with children and families. They will follow the most up to date guidance.

Please call your child's school if you have any questions. We are here to help.

Responding to a suspected case of Coronavirus- Updated guidelines

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If they have a high temperature, loss of smell or taste or a new, continuous, dry cough, please let us know and book your child to be tested immediately. There are a list of other symptoms available on the NHS and Government website.

Anyone displaying Coronavirus symptoms in school will be sent home immediately and will need to follow the Government guidelines for self isolation.

- Child with symptoms will be sent home and must arrange a test
- Siblings will be sent home
- Other families in the group will be notified
- Other children in that group can continue to come to school until the test results are back
- If the test is positive, the symptomatic child must self- isolate for 7 days, siblings for 14 days and the same group children and staff for 14 days. We will also notify Public Health England in Southwark for further guidance
- If negative, the child can return when better
- If parents refuse to test their child, we will notify Public Health England in Southwark who will follow this up with the family, GP and complete a risk assessment. They will advise the school on our next steps.

Thank you all again for your continued support. I am sure you will also want to join me in thanking all the staff across our Federation who have continued to work throughout this pandemic and put the needs of our children and families first.

I wish you all a happy summer break.

Kind regards,

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