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Dear Parents

It is nearly the end of the Summer Term- what a strange year it has been. You have all done a remarkable job of home schooling and we think you deserve an honorary teaching degree.

Government updates

As you may have seen, the government has released their guidance for full school opening in September. We received this guidance document yesterday and are now drawing up our plans.

The main points in the guidance are:

- All children are expected to return to full time school in September (there are still a very small amount of families who may not be able to return due to clinical or public health advice)
- Classes will be the normal size
- Schools will need to ensure they put in place safety measures that include regular handwashing, staggered use of shared areas, classes working as bubbles, enhanced cleaning arrangements, etc, all of which will be covered in an updated risk assessment
- The curriculum is expected to be broad and balanced
- Information on additional funding is to "follow shortly"

For some this news is very welcome, for others it may bring some concern. As a school we understand this and at the same time are very much looking forward to welcoming back all of our children and families. Our aim, as always, is for open and clear communication with our community. The leadership team will be spending the next two weeks of the summer term and over the summer holidays developing our approach to the full school reopening. We are driven by priorities of safety, but also by what we hold dear as a school and what is best for our children, families, school and staff. Details of how school will run in September will be communicated before the full reopening.

[Here](#) is the link to the current guidance.



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Transition events

You will be receiving, via Parentmail, information about the class transition events taking place in the last week of term. Please take note of the specific time slots and gate drop off points, as well as the safety points.

These events are not compulsory. It will be very helpful, for planning the smooth running of events, if you are able to indicate on the form whether your child will be attending the session.

If you are unable to join these events you will be informed of your child's new class teacher via email. In planning for September, we are ensuring that transition and having a positive start to the school year is a high priority as always.

Virtual pop up SJSC art gallery- Part Two!

Last week the first room of our [Virtual Pop Up Art Gallery](#) appeared on our website. This Monday a second room will be added full of wonderful examples of the responses to Ms Hanif-Banks' Virtual Art school. Please do take a look at the pieces created by our talented SJSC artists.

Summer Reading Challenge- Reminder

The Summer Reading Challenge has been launched! This morning the fantastic author Cressida Cowell appeared on radio 4 and was very enthusiastic about the Summer Reading Challenge and how important developing a love of reading is for our children.

Click on this link <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> to join the challenge where you can play games, get involved with fun activities, earn badges, enter competitions, find out more about some of your favourite authors and illustrators, and much more.



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Key dates

Friday 17th July- last day of school for children including the keyworker childcare hub.

Monday 20th July school open for staff inset only.

In September:

Wednesday 2nd September and Thursday 3rd September - school open for staff inset only.

Friday 4th September- first day of school for children.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Joseph Bell
Headteacher

Alli Crank
Deputy Headteacher



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