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Dear Parents

Opening to more pupils update

Over the last few weeks it has been wonderful to be able to welcome back more keyworker children, reception, year 1 and this week year 6. Thank you to everyone for your support with all of the new guidance to help reduce risks in the school.

Last week, the Prime Minister announced that schools should look to plan for a possible return for other year groups this term where space and staffing allows. Unfortunately, this is not possible, as all of our teachers are already being used to lead the smaller groups required for the priority year groups as stated by the government. With there being a maximum of 15 children in a bubble it means we are using twice as many staff and rooms per year group.

In practice this means:

- Teachers of year groups not in school have had to be reassigned to work in bubbles for the year groups in school.
- Teachers are also continuing to provide virtual school lessons and family contact for their own classes. This will continue.

Essential worker provisions

The Key Worker Hub is still being run by teachers and support staff for those who are critical workers and are prioritised due to other vulnerabilities. Since the lockdown measures have eased, the demand has increased and we are now reaching capacity in our key worker provision. Due to this high demand, we are politely requesting that parents or carers who are able to have their children safely looked after at home do so. This could mean that an essential worker who doesn't have care for their children can be helped. We have opened a waiting list should someone not need the provision anymore and a space become available.



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Please contact keyworker@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk if you would like to go on this waiting list.

Our School Community

We would like to, once again, say thank you to, and recognise the efforts of, all of our parents. You have been home schooling your children alongside many other responsibilities and done a fantastic job. Our love and support goes out to you all. These times are unprecedented, and we should not underestimate the difficulties that some may be going through, but there will be a time when we can stop and reflect and know that together we have risen to the challenge. If there is any additional support you would like, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We would also like to thank the amazing staff team we are privileged to lead, who have risen to the challenges and supported our efforts to work within ever changing government guidelines and approaches to the crisis. From the admin team to the catering staff, the cleaners to the teachers, the support staff to the SENCo- throughout the pandemic, they have shown commitment, resilience and generosity.

Supporting conversations at home

[Here](#) is a wonderful story to share with your children to support their understanding social distancing rules and how they can still show they care about others!

With the disturbing images of the unlawful killing of George Floyd from America filling our newsfeeds, [here](#) is a book on talking about race which may support conversations at home.

Looking forward

Today the government have announced a £1bn catch-up tutoring fund for English schools; we await to hear the details of this announcement so we can include this in our plans ready for September.



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Class teachers are continuing to make contact and set up engaging events for their classes. Please keep an eye open for class emails.

We are currently planning for transition in September. We will be communicating about this as soon as plans are finalised, as we understand that a transition back to school and into new classes will be important.

We are yet to receive full details on how September will look for schools, but the government has just announced their intention that all children will be back full-time in September. We hear the plans at the same time as you but will endeavour to deliver clear and open communication on all developments. [Here](#) is the link to the latest guidance.

The sunny weather seems to be having a few days off, but the children (and indeed some of us adults) enjoy splashing around in the puddles! We wish you a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

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