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## **SJSC Letter - 29.4.20**

Dear families,

This week we want to reiterate the message of a huge well done to all parents- home schooling is not easy! We have worked hard on our [Virtual School](#) to make sure it is of high quality and are putting up lots of content in order to support, guide, and give as many options as possible. It is entirely your choice as to how you would like to use this. Go at your own pace. If you would like to go back to any previous week's learning just click on the link at the top of your class page showing previous weeks. It is important to find your own family routine.

### **Staying in touch**

We are asking that families do stay in touch by email, so that we know how you are doing, even if it is just to say "hi". We are now asking to hear from you **at least once every two weeks**, via the class email address. This will give families more time and space, and still allow us to hear about the children's learning and know that everything is well.

### **Community**

Things are different in the world at the moment. It is at these times the strength and support we can all feel through our community are as important as ever. Our teachers are enjoying the connection they can have to their classes and families via the virtual school and email.

Our safeguarding team are in regular contact with families. Mrs. McIntosh and Ms. Ford are in regular contact with families of children with SEND. If you do need any support or advice, please email [office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk).

It is wonderful to hear about the various ways the children are connecting with their friends via Zoom, letters and more. Please do reach out to the school community whether it is for support or to feel connected when we are currently far apart.

### **Support**

At the moment there are difficulties that may add extra pressure on yourselves and your family. Please do get in touch with school at [office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk) if you are feeling that you would like some support or have questions.

Below are some avenues of support.

## Finance

- You may be unaware that you could be entitled to Free School Meals. During this time, this means that you would be eligible to receive weekly supermarket vouchers. Please contact the school if you would like further information.
- We can support families who may be having financial difficulties due to the current crisis. Please do get in touch with the school by emailing [office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@sjsc.southwark.sch.uk)
- Government link to financial advice <https://www.gov.uk/>
- Southwark Foodbank <https://southwark.foodbank.org.uk/>

## Well-Being

- Mind Charity – general wellbeing tips and support, guidance and advice specifically for Coronavirus concerns, useful information if you are living with a mental health problem or supporting someone who is - <https://www.mind.org.uk/> • Please see last week's letter for more information and weblinks.

## Protection

- Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline- 0808 2000 247.
- Refuge- <https://www.refuge.org.uk/>
- Child protection- before school closed all children had lessons on child protection and what they can do if they would like help, as well as how to keep themselves safe online. <https://www.childline.org.uk/> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

## General support

- Welcare is a charity working with families and children up to the age of 13 in South East London. They are a fantastic source of support in many areas such as mental health, parenting, bereavement, domestic violence, financial difficulties, and much more. <https://welcare.org/>
- Southwark's local offer has various information points and advice. <https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/>
- Citizen's advice- benefits, finance, housing, law, health, amongst other areas <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

## **And finally...**

Thank you for the lovely messages and emails of support. We love our school community and have never felt so lucky.

Warm regards,

Joseph Bell and Alli Crank