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School Update

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following the government announcement yesterday explaining that all primary schools in London will be unable to open fully on Monday, I have met with staff this morning. I am now able to provide details of our capacity to respond in the first week of term. I acknowledge that this response may not meet the needs or expectations of all of our families, but I hope that you can all appreciate that we have been placed in an extremely challenging position with just two days' notice.

School will be closed to all children from all year groups on Monday 4th January. There are no exceptions to this.

General Provision

Learning for the majority of pupils in all year groups will move online from **Tuesday 5th January**. Any lessons requiring teacher demonstration will be pre-recorded so that they may be accessed at any time by children and parents. Having received feedback from the first lockdown, there will be an opportunity for your child to interact with their teacher on the relevant platform listed below when completing the work.

Provision for children in **Nursery** and **Reception** will be given via the See Saw portal. Nursery families should already have their log in details for this and details for families of Reception children will be sent on Monday 4th January. If you have a query about See Saw, please either email mgr@st-leonards.lambeth.sch.uk or telephone the school after 1:00pm on Monday.

Provision for children in **Years 1 – 6** will be given via *Google Classroom*. You should have already received log in details for your child. If you have a query about *Google Classroom*, please also either email mgr@st-leonards.lambeth.sch.uk or telephone the school after 1:00pm on Monday.



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For all queries, please make sure that you include your child's name and class so that your query can be passed to the correct member of staff and responded to as quickly as possible.

On Site Provision

Having reviewed our risk assessment and taken into account new government guidance, **we will be able to offer limited on site provision.** This provision will be organised within year groups rather than individual classes so that pairs of teachers can work together with one person teaching in class and the other delivering the same core lessons online. **The maximum number of children per year group that we can safely accommodate on site is 12.** This is fewer than the 15 in the first lockdown, but this is because attendance involves every year group rather than just three.

The prioritised order for having an on-site place for your child is also different from the first lockdown, based on the reclassification of *key workers* as now *critical workers* and the reclassification of children classed as *vulnerable*. Therefore, applications will be assessed and places will be offered in the following order to:

- 1. Children in families where all carers living in the family home are classed as critical workers (NHS, Police, Teachers, Firefighters)**
- 2. Children with attached social workers or living with foster carers**
- 3. Children who, based on their autumn term assessments, are considered most vulnerable to the risk of not meeting age related expectations in reading, writing and maths by July 2021**
- 4. Children in families where one carer (living in the family home with more than one adult carer) is classed as a critical worker (NHS, Police, Teacher, Firefighter)**
- 5. Children with Education Health Care Plans who are not classed as vulnerable**

I would like to stress that this prioritised list will be subject to regular review and amendment should the lockdown extend beyond the first two weeks of term.



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How to apply for an on-site place for your child

Should you wish to apply for a place for your child, **you must telephone the school between 08:30 – 09:30 on Monday 4th January.** When you telephone, you will be put through to a member of the school's leadership team who will take your details and identify which criteria you are applying under based on the five categories listed above. **You will not receive confirmation of a place during this initial call. Parents will be contacted with the outcome of their request via Parentmail by 3:30pm on Monday 4th January.**

Please be aware that it may be the case under category 3 that a member of staff will contact you directly to offer a place for your child.

These measures have been approved following consultation with all staff and the Multi Academy Trust. As acknowledged at the start of this letter, I totally accept that there are going to be some families extremely inconvenienced, upset and maybe angry about this situation. All I can do is apologise in advance for any of this.

I also know that the vast majority of you will be able to empathise with the challenge facing the school and its staff team. In thanking you for your support and understanding, I would just like to express my gratitude and respect for all those working together to help us get through this difficult period.

Kind regards,

Mr Simon Jackson

Head Teacher



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