



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all.

Further to the text and emails I sent on Thursday, I am writing to update you with further information.

As you know Monday is an INSET day so school is closed to all children on this day. In line with DfE advice, issued on Wednesday, School will be closed to all children from Tuesday 5th January except children of critical workers and those that are invited to attend. Please see appendix 1 for the DfE criteria for critical workers. If you are a critical worker and there is no one else who can look after your child/ren, please come to the school office on Monday from 10:15 to 12:30 to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team about your role and to have your worker status ID verified.

Places for critical worker places are limited so initially we will need to prioritise children whose parents have roles in the NHS and Education when allocating places if we are oversubscribed.

Online learning will start for all children on Tuesday morning. If you have questions or need help with Microsoft Teams and home learning, please email teams@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk

If you have questions or need help with a child who has special needs or if you think your child needs additional academic or emotional support, please email senco@stpauls.southwark.sch.uk. As part of our 'blended' learning package we will also be delivering a weekly work pack for every child to their home address in paper format that can be used alongside the online learning. The first pack will be delivered by Wednesday at midday at the latest. If you have moved house recently and have not informed the school please do so on Monday 4th January by 3:30pm.

It is expected by the DfE that all children **must continue to** access their education during this period of lockdown and schools are also expected to monitor that this is happening. The teachers and the Senior Leadership Team will be monitoring that the work is being done either on Microsoft teams or the hard copy packs which will be collected each week when the next pack is delivered. Your children and staff worked so hard last term catching up on missed learning during the previous lock down, we really do not want them to fall behind again.

Invited children and those of critical workers who do attend school will be doing the same online learning and paper copy packs as children who are not in school.

We are providing these packs as we are aware that many households do not have sufficient devices to access Microsoft teams. Unfortunately, the DfE have not delivered on their promise of more devices for schools. Most of our devices will be needed in school for use by the children in the Critical Worker/invited bubble to access the online learning so we regret that we will be unable to lend devices as we did during the previous lockdown.

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Unfortunately, we will not be able to run the After-School Club or Breakfast Club for January due to budgetary constraints and staff shortages. We will let you know when the clubs will re-open.

We are currently liaising with Harrisons, our catering company regarding how can arrange a weekly food parcel for every child in place of the daily free school meal provided by Southwark as we are aware that many families are struggling at this time and we do not want any of our children to be hungry during this period of lock down. I will write to you in due course about details for collecting these food parcels.

Finally, I would like to apologise for any inconvenience that this last-minute announcement causes you as St Paul's families. However, I would also like to reassure you that St Paul's team is still very much here for all of our children and every one of you too, so if you need any help or support please ring or email the school office. Please take care and stay safe. We are thinking of you all.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Silke'.

Mrs Silke

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