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## WELCOME BACK & NEW PROCEDURES INFORMATION

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of another school, albeit slightly different in format.

### KEEPING OUR SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SAFE

If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of COVID-19:

- **A temperature;**
- **A new continuous cough;**
- **Or loss of/change to taste or smell**

Please do not send your child to school. Please inform the school. If it is a child who has symptoms **call NHS 111 for a clinical assessment** and then follow their advice. If it is an adult **order a test as soon as possible**.

If a child or member of staff gets these symptoms at school, they will be sent home with advice about what to do.

Anyone who has symptoms or has tested positive will need to self-isolate for at least 10 days, and the rest of the household for 14 days, in-line with government guidance. If the test results are negative, your household can usually leave self-isolation and your child can return to school, provided they are no longer unwell and no one in your household has been traced as being in contact with someone who has tested positive.

If someone at our school tests positive for COVID-19, Public Health England will work with the school to risk assess who else should be advised to self-isolate.

### **HOW TO ORDER A COVID-19 TEST FOR YOUR CHILD**

1. First, call NHS 111 for a clinical assessment of your child's symptoms;
2. Second, order a test to your house online

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.

Having trouble ordering a test? Call NHS 119 or get in touch with your school nurse: [gst-tr.schoolnursespe@nhs.net](mailto:gst-tr.schoolnursespe@nhs.net)

### DROP OFF & COLLECTION

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Thank you very much for your support with our new drop off and collection arrangements. This has made it so much easier for us to keep the children in their bubbles.

I am hopeful that the pavement widening will take place soon and fixed banners will make it easier and safe for our children. As it is difficult to social distance outside the school, the Public Health team from Southwark have advised that where possible parents should wear face masks.

#### **ANNUAL CALENDAR**

By now you should have received a copy of the Annual Calendar. I have scheduled dates for all the usual events, but due to the current restrictions, certain events may not happen or take a different form. We will keep you updated.

#### **ANNUAL REPORTS**

Last year's annual reports will be sent home from next week. If you have any queries please email [office@johnruskin.southwark.co.uk](mailto:office@johnruskin.southwark.co.uk) and a member of staff will get back to you.

#### **MEET THE TEACHER**

One of the events that has been affected by the new guidance is our Autumn Term 'Meet the Teacher' parents evening. This year each class teacher will record a video introducing themselves, their classroom and explaining the classroom routines. There will be an opportunity for you to send in any questions you have which the teacher will answer in the video. More details to follow about this next week.

#### **WATER BOTTLES**

You will be pleased to know that children can now bring a water bottle to school. We will be giving each child a water bottle to use in school, as one of our measures to keep the children safe. They will bring the bottle home each evening, please could it be washed and returned refilled the next day. If you would prefer your child can bring their own labelled bottle.

#### **PE**

Currently the children are doing daily 30 min outdoor PE lessons; to save time children may wear trainers to school each day. Your child's teacher will inform you what days their PE kits should be in school.

#### **PACT & HOMEWORK**

Children will be set homework on Thursday, which will need to be returned on Tuesday, so the books can be left for the required period of time. All classes have 2 sets of reading books to go home; this again ensures that any resources that go between home and school can be quarantined for the appropriate length of time.

Reading is an essential and important part of our curriculum and supports our children's learning in all areas of the curriculum. The parents PACT record books are in a different format this year. Each page has a week to view with a box for each day.

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Wherever possible we would like parents / children to sign or write a comment for each day that they read so we can build up a reading journal. There is also an additional box for your child to practise any spellings that may have been set.

If you do have any school books at home from last year, please could you return them as soon as possible, we are still missing many from last year. Thank you.

#### **PARENTS INFORMATION LEAFLETS**

You will shortly receive a Parents Information Leaflet outlining what your child will be learning this term and how you can help with their learning at home. Please do email [general@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:general@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk) if you have any queries. Your child's teacher will also go through this leaflet in their 'Meet the Teacher' video

#### **LETTERS AND NEWSLETTERS**

To reduce the amount of paper going home we would like to start to use email as our primary means of general communication. You will shortly receive a form asking for your preferred email address. If you are unable to access email, there will be a box on the form where you can indicate this and we will continue to send you hard copies of any communication.

#### **HOME LEARNING**

Thank you for all your hard work supporting your children's learning during the lockdown. Each school has been asked by the government to have a plan in place should there be another lockdown or for when a bubble (your child's class or year group) has to self-isolate due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. We will be contacting you shortly to find out your views on what the most helpful and effective ways of doing this are.

Once again my thanks for all your help with our new routines, especially at the beginning and end of the day. I am so proud of how well our children have adjusted to these changes and like all our staff I am really happy to see them all back in school.

Please do call or email the school office if you have any queries.

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Headteacher

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