



JOHN RUSKIN
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school following the government's announcement that all pupils should return to school and have been busily planning for the safe return of all pupils. The first day back for all children is **Monday 8th March.**

Our safety measures

The school's plan and risk assessment are based on the government's 'Schools coronavirus operational guidance'. Much of the guidance replicates what was in place for the autumn term. The risk assessment is on the school's website www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk and also on the school app. I would urge you all to read it.

These documents contain a clear system of controls for schools to follow, which allow for the fact that it is not possible for young children in a school environment to remain socially distant. However, they state clearly that if the controls are implemented they will effectively minimise risks.

The following control measures will continue to be in place:

- Children will be grouped into class or year group bubbles that do not mix to minimise their contacts.
- There will be enhanced cleaning of the school and disinfecting of equipment
- Start and finish times will be staggered with separate entrances for the different year groups with children dropped off at the gate, parents will not be able to come in with the children. Staff will be in the playground support this.
- Break and lunch times will be staggered with all classes eating in class except reception and nursery
- Regular hand washing and ensuring that the children follow 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- Classroom set ups will be changed from Y1- Y6 so that tables face the front and children do not sit opposite each other
- Parents and visitors will only be allowed to enter the premises with a pre-arranged appointment. Parents can continue to send any messages for the teacher at the start of the day to general@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

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across all Key Stages Nursery to Year 6
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Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Our privacy notices are available on our website www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk or via the school office.

Children should wear school uniform and may bring in their book bag, packed lunch, water bottle and PE kit. Reading books will be sent home and the children will receive homework. Homework will continue to be set on Thursday to be handed in on Wednesday.

Attendance

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. Please email a copy of your child's shielding letter to general@johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

Please refer to our remote learning closure plan on the school website www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk to see what provision will be made if a bubble is closed or a child needs to self-isolate

Arrangements for collection and drop off.

Included with this letter is a sheet with the different entrance times and gates.

It is really important that social distancing rules are followed when waiting outside the gates. I am pleased to inform you that the temporary pavement widening barriers have been replaced to support social distancing safely. Please try to avoid using public transport when travelling to or from school.

All face coverings must be removed at the school gate.

Breakfast boxes will be available on Wednesday 10th March from 2:00 – 3:00 from the big playground.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with me via the general email. We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Once again my thanks in advance for your support with implementing these measures and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on 8th March.

Yours faithfully

Clare Tayton
Headteacher