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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: September Opening

Last week the government revealed their plans for the wider opening of schools, from September 2020, a move which we all welcome. As we are still in the midst of the pandemic, the wider opening does not signal a return to school as it once was; restrictions will still need to be in place to ensure the safety of your child and staff here in school for the foreseeable future.

Headlines from the government's guidance:

- Measures to ensure robust hand-hygiene and the frequent washing of hands to be in place
- Children will still need to remain within their class groups – they will not be able to mix with children in other groups
- Children will not be able to share frequently used resources such as pens and pencils
- Books can be shared within groups as long as they are cleaned
- Social distancing amongst children, within the same group, is not required
- Teachers are required to socially distance and should keep two metres away from other adults
- Teachers should not spend more than 15minutes within 1 metre of a child
- Teachers should not cross groups
- Schools no longer need to check children's temperature on arrival
- New measures for schools on responding to suspected / confirmed cases of COVID-19

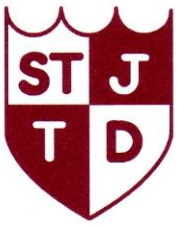
I'm sure you will appreciate that these measures pose a number of logistical problems and careful consideration is required. To enable your child to return to school, safely, the following changes are proposed for the Autumn Term; these will be reviewed at the half term break.

Changes to the school day – entrance points and arrival/collection times:

	Year Groups	Start Time	Entrance and Exit Point	Collection Time
Group A	Year One Year Two	Arrive at school for 8:30am Start of lessons 8:45am	Camberwell New Road Entrance	3pm
	Year Five Year Six	Arrive at school for 8:30am Start of lessons 8:45am	School House Entrance – Warham Street	3pm
Group B	Nursery Reception	Arrive at school for 9:00am Start of lessons 9:15am	Camberwell New Road Entrance	3:30pm
	Year Three Year Four	Arrive at school for 9:00am Start of lessons 9:15am	School House Entrance – Warham Street	3:30pm

There will be families with siblings and the above plans may mean that you have to visit the site twice; this is the only way we can have all children back in school and minimise the risk.





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Parents are reminded that social distancing measures have only been reduced to one metre if there is another protective measure in place, such as a face covering. If parents are not wearing face coverings then we ask that you stay 2 metres away from other families and that you leave as soon as you have dropped off your child.

School will close to all children after lunch on a Friday afternoon, every Friday afternoon – this is to allow for protected, statutory staff planning, preparation and assessment time (PPA). Under normal circumstances this time is covered within the school week by additional teachers. However managing this and keeping risk levels to low, means that it is simply not a viable option. This will be reviewed at the half term break, but it means that for the first half of the term, on Fridays children will need to be collected at the following times at the gates listed above: **Group A Children – to be collected at 12:30 Group B Children to be collected at 1pm.** I am sorry that we are not able to offer a full service from the start of the term; we will get back to full weeks as soon as we can.

Whilst it is yet to be confirmed, I am led to believe that our new school catering company will be able to provide lunches on site for our Free School Meals Children, our Universal Infant Free School Meals children and for any other family that wishes to purchase a meal. It is likely that the meal will take the form of a **packed lunch** for the first half of the term, as the children will not be able to use the dinner hall.

Contingency Plans

It is important for parents to be aware that, should the circumstances in London change and were strict measures reintroduced, we would have no option but to reconsider the above plans. Should the school be required to reduce the number of children in school at any one time we would seek to introduce the following arrangements; these follow the same lines as our current provision, but would accommodate children in all year groups.

- Within each class, the children would be split into two groups, Group A and Group B
- The groups would attend school on alternate weeks
- On the Friday of a group's time in school, teachers would set the home learning for the following week
- Staggered arrival and collection times would be implemented to keep groups separate

Week Beginning	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Provision for children	Group A In school learning	Group B In school	Group A In school	Group B In school	Group A In school	Group B In school
	Group B Virtual learning at home	Group A At Home	Group B At home	Group A At Home	Group B At home	Group A At Home

A child in **Group A** will be in school in **Week 1, Week 3, and Week 5**

A child in **Group B** will be in school in **Week 2, Week 4, and Week 6**

I appreciate that there is a lot of information contained within this letter. I would ask that parents take the time to read and take note of the implications. There will be further communications sent out to parents of Nursery and Reception children as these year groups have a staggered entry to school in September, regardless of COVID-19. Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please send them via email to me at admin@sjtdprimary.org.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs. Warland
Head Teacher

