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Saturday 2nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

First I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! I hope that you were able to find some Christmas joy and peace with your nearest and dearest.

As you will have heard, the decision was made late yesterday, Friday 1st January, to include all London boroughs to the list of 'contingency areas' in light of the worsening situation regarding COVID infections. This returns us to a short period of school closure and remote learning.

All London boroughs and primary schools will now be closed to the majority of pupils until Monday 18th January when a further government review will take place.

**We will, therefore, only be open from Monday 4th January 2021 until Monday 18th January 2021 for vulnerable pupils and those children of key workers.**

We will use the letters on file from the recent collection to determine parents who are key workers and our internal monitoring for those considered vulnerable.

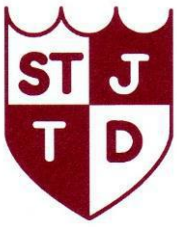
Your child is considered vulnerable if they meet the following criteria:

Vulnerable children and young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services or in the process of being referred to children's services
  - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
  - those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training')
  - those living in temporary accommodation
  - those who are young Carers
  - care leavers
  - others at the provider and local authority's discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

If your circumstances have changed and you wish to use a Key Worker place you will need to provide a letter from your employer stating your key worker role. A full list of those who are considered key workers can be found at:





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Arrangements for drop-off and collection, at the beginning and end of the school day, will remain as they were prior to the Christmas break.

For all other children **remote learning** will be provided, via **Google classrooms**.

Children will be asked to login at 9:30am when the teacher will outline the expectations for each day. I am aware that a number of families have limited access to laptops and prior to the Christmas break the school purchased a small number of devices to loan to children, to support with remote learning. If you would like to loan a laptop please send an email to: [covidcommunication@sjtdprimary.org.uk](mailto:covidcommunication@sjtdprimary.org.uk)

We will endeavour to meet all requests made to ensure all children have access to online learning.

Should you have any questions then do please contact us at: [covidcommunication@sjtdprimary.org.uk](mailto:covidcommunication@sjtdprimary.org.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as possible. I ask for your continued patience as we work through the arrangements over the coming days; remember we hear the statements on the news at the same time as you.

This isn't the beginning of the year that any of us would have wished for but there is light at the end of the tunnel, and with a unified approach we shall reach it together.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland  
Head Teacher

