



6th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Notice of School closure
Information and Advice to Parents/Carers

We have advised Public Health England that there have been further confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school. It is with regret that I have made the decision to close the school for the remainder of this week to prevent any further spread of the virus.

In response to the confirmed cases in school we have reviewed our Risk Assessment and intend to put into place additional measures to maintain the continued safe operation of the school. The school will reopen on **Monday 12th October** following a deep clean of all three campuses. The school will be closed for three days from Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th October inclusive.

Neale House Campus – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

From **Monday 12th October**, children in Nursery to Year 4 should attend school at the usual times as long as they continue to be well.

Bennett House Campus – Year 5 and Year 6

Most children in Year 5 and Year 6 are currently in a 14 day isolation period. Parents were advised of this isolation in an email last week. They should attend school from **Thursday 15th October** as long as they continue to be well.

A small number of Year 5 and 6 children who are not subject to the 14 day isolation period should attend from **Monday 12th October**.

Online Lessons

Most children have now been issued with their login to Microsoft 365. Class Teachers at primary will offer a reduced timetable of online lessons using Microsoft Teams. Please see Class Charts for further information. Please email office@smsj.london if you have not received your child's login details.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 by phoning 111 or at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>

Public Health England has produced a letter for schools to distribute to parents, which explains when a person requires a Coronavirus test and what the symptoms of coronavirus are; the letter can be viewed [here](#).

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

I acknowledge that this will present challenges for you all, but I firmly believe that this short closure is required to ensure that we can deliver a consistent and effective education over a sustained period of time.

I once again thank you for your patience and support during this extremely challenging time.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Serrão
Principal