



Sunday 3rd January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: The staggered return to school of primary and secondary students in January 2021

We hope that our letter finds you and your family well and that you have had the opportunity to rest over the Christmas break.

You may have seen in the news that all schools in Barnet are subject to [contingency measures](#) and that the government has [announced](#) a staggered return for secondary students at the start of next term. We have been instructed by the government to partially close the school from the start of the new term on 5th January 2021 until further notice. I am sure you will appreciate that this decision is outside of the school's control and has been taken to limit the spread of Coronavirus. Our plans for January are as follows but please be aware that these may be subject to change depending on further announcements from the government.

On the week commencing 4th January 2021:

- No students will attend school on Monday 4th January due to our scheduled INSET day for school staff
- The school is closed to all primary students all week other than for those students in the Key Worker Bubbles. Thank you to those parents who have requested a primary Key Worker place. We will be in touch on Monday 4th January with further information.
- Primary students will have 3 live lessons a day (English, maths, and RE/Science/Humanities)
- Secondary students eligible for the Key Worker Bubbles will be invited to attend school in person from Tuesday 5th January. If you are not contacted on Monday 4th January and you think your child should be included in the Key Worker Bubble, please contact the school by emailing office@smsj.london with the subject heading 'Key Worker Bubble'.
- For our secondary school students, we will offer full-time remote education to students in Years 11 and 13 during this week as live lessons via Teams. Students in Years 7 to 10 will have distance learning provided as per their year group distance learning timetable (uploaded to Class Charts and the school website ready for 5th January) Year 12 will have distance learning resources provided for all timetabled lessons. All distance learning resources can be accessed via Class Charts.

On the week commencing 11th January 2021:

- The school is closed to all primary students all week other than for those students in the Key Worker Bubbles.
- Secondary students in the Key Worker bubbles will attend school in person
- We will welcome exam-year students (Year 11 and Year 13), back to school for face-to-face education – details to follow
- We will offer full-time remote education to students in Years 10 and 12 during this week as live lessons via Teams following the students' timetables. Students in Years 7 to 9 will have 4 live lessons a day as well as distance learning provided via Class Charts.
- Primary students will have 3 live lessons a day (English, maths, and RE/Science/Humanities)

This provision will then be reviewed for the commencing **18th January** and we will update you accordingly once we have heard whether the contingency measures will still be in place for Barnet.

To support our families whose children usually receive free school meals in school, we have arranged with our catering service to provide food hampers for the period their child is not attending school. We will contact you once these are ready for collection. Please contact office@smsj.london with the subject heading 'FSM Hamper' if you have queries regarding this provision.

During this period we will establish a COVID-19 testing system within the school. A summary of what the government has recently announced regarding this rapid testing programme is below:

- All staff will be eligible
- While testing will be optional, we will strongly encourage all staff and students to take part
- We will not ask your child to participate in testing without their consent (or yours, as appropriate)
- Those students returning to school first will be offered testing first
- Students who are identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive will be eligible
- If someone tests **negative**, they will still need to follow our social distancing and hygiene measures – please see attached document to remind yourself and your child of these updated rules
- If someone tests **positive**, we will ask them to self-isolate in line with government guidance

Thank you to those members of our community who have already volunteered to support the lateral flow testing in school. If you are available during the school day to support the testing process, we would be keen to hear from you, please contact us by emailing s.giacone@smsj.london with the subject heading 'LFT volunteers'.

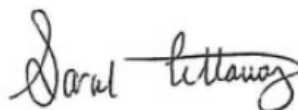
As soon as the government publishes more information on the testing programme, we will let you know by email – please make sure all emails from SMSJ go into your 'inbox'. We will also update our website accordingly.

Thank you so much for your continued support as we respond to this evolving situation.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Atkinson
Head of Primary



Mrs Pittaway
Head of Secondary