



Wisdom Service Hope

## St Mary's and St John's CE School

"With God, all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. It has been a busy time for schools with the latest update with key information regarding the start of the term being released yesterday. We have been working on plans for a variety of options regarding welcoming all of our students back in September and with this new guidance will be able to communicate these plans to you before the end of term, with the caveat as always that they will be subject to change depending on the situation nearer the time.

### Availability of Places

We have been working hard to maximise our spaces available to Key Workers and to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 with the staff that we currently have available. A final round of invitation letters were sent on Friday to offer any remaining spaces. While we would dearly like to welcome more children into school, the current social distancing guidelines and staff availability at this point does mean that we will not be able to offer any further places before the summer holiday.

### Who to contact over the summer

Our Bennett House campus will be staffed over the summer and our [office@smsj.london](mailto:office@smsj.london) will be monitored every day. Please email [office@smsj.london](mailto:office@smsj.london) if you need to contact the school over the summer holidays and put the relevant category for your query in the 'subject' field, such as 'Safeguarding', 'Admissions', 'Year 7 Transition' etc. Please be aware that a response to your query may not be as swift as it would be in term time.

### The Pantry

Our foodbank *The Pantry* will be open and providing essential goods to our local families who are in need at this challenging time from Bennett House, between 10.30am - 2.30pm each Tuesday and Thursday throughout the summer holidays. If you would like to donate food and toiletries we are very grateful to you and would like to offer our thanks for the overwhelming generosity to all those who have donated so far. If you are in need of support and would like to receive a parcel from our food bank, please email [sgiacone@smsj.london](mailto:sgiacone@smsj.london) in the strictest confidence.

### Uniform

If your child has grown out of their SMSJ uniform and it is in a better condition than usual due to them not wearing it recently, we would love you to donate it to support families who will make very good use of it next academic year. Please drop-off any good quality SMSJ uniform to our Bennett House campus and we will make sure it finds a good home.

## Year 9 Vaccinations

We were pleased to be able to facilitate the routine vaccinations for our Year 9 students at our Bennett House campus this week, both for the future health of our children and to support our local community healthcare NHS trust who, as you can imagine, have a back-log to work through for their immunisation programme.

## Barnet Support

Please find attached a [directory](#) of local supportive services available in Barnet to help during this difficult time. You can also find further information on what is available in your area on this [website](#).

## Safer Schools Officers visit SMSJ

We were delighted to welcome six of our Safer Schools Officers who visited our students at Neale House, Bennett House and Stamford Raffles this week. They talked with the children we had on site about policing, how they have been coping during lockdown, staying safe and reassuring them that they are working hard to keep us all safe.

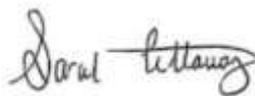
## Chrome Books

We are re-imaging all of our chrome books over the summer to upgrade them prior to the Autumn Term. If you have borrowed a chrome book to support your child in this period of distance learning please make sure you return it to Bennett House by the end of term. The chrome books will stop working prior to receiving this upgrade.

We wish you a lovely weekend,



Mr Atkinson  
Head of Primary



Mrs Pittaway  
(Acting) Head of Secondary