



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 (outlined below) in order 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.

From Monday 12th October, the following two-week timetable will come into effect for children in Year 7 and Year 8.

If your child is currently isolating, they should return to school after the date specified in their isolation letter, in line with the timetable below. Please email office@smsj.london if you are unsure of your child's return date.

Week A

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	12th Oct	13th Oct	14th Oct	15th Oct	16th Oct
Year 7	In School	Home Learning	In School	Home Learning	In School
Year 8	Home Learning	In School	Home Learning	In School	Home Learning

Week B

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	19th Oct	20th Oct	21st Oct	22nd Oct	23rd Oct
Year 7	Home Learning	In School	Home Learning	In School	Home Learning
Year 8	In School	Home Learning	In School	Home Learning	In School

Year 7 and Year 8 children of keyworkers will be contacted separately regarding their timetable for the week beginning 12th October.

We would also like to strongly encourage all children to wear plain face masks when they return to school to be worn at all times when they are inside the building. If possible, please also provide your child with a small bottle of hand sanitiser to enable your child to maintain good hygiene throughout the school day.

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 short closure will present challenges for you all, but I firmly believe that this adjustment is required to ensure that we can deliver a consistent and effective education over a sustained period of time. I hope that making this difficult decision as early as possible will enable you to plan for the coming weeks by avoiding almost daily disruption and anxiety.

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

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Serrão
Principal