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Dear Parents,

I hope you are well and have enjoyed some sort of Christmas.

Following the announcement late yesterday afternoon, please see the following information:

Online learning

-Online learning will start from 10.30am on Monday morning. It will be very much a familiarisation time on the first day. There will be some online learning familiarity/rules, discussion/circle time and reviewing/introduction of learning in order to become familiar with online teaching and learning. We will send all of the Zoom links and information by Sunday evening.

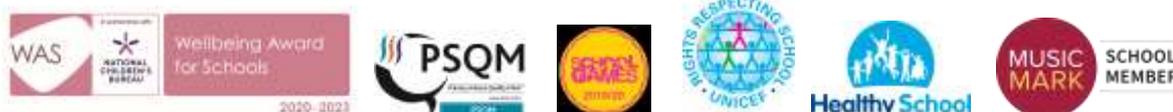
-The general model moving forwards from Tuesday 5th January is to teach English and Maths in the morning, starting at 9am. Then a teaching session afterwards to set up the independent learning for the afternoon. There will also be assemblies in the afternoon from myself/Mr Heale/Miss Donegan. I do not believe it will be healthy or effective for children to spend the equivalent time they are at school taking part in online learning.

Please bear with us; we may change our decisions and make mistakes over the coming days. The expectation is that all children are taking part in the online learning. Please see the information below for those who may be struggling with laptops/devices/technology.

Early Years: Reception and Nursery will follow a slightly different path with shorter, more condensed sessions. Separate information will be sent to those two year groups.

Mini Whiteboards

These will greatly help the online learning. If you have one at home please use it, if you want to and are able to collect one from school on Monday 4th January (along with a whiteboard pen) please see the times to come to school as part of some daily exercise. Please be prompt, keep to significant social distancing and please note everything is a loan.





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Main playground:

9.10-9.20am Y6

9.20-9.30am Y4

9.30-9.40am Y2

9.40-9.50am Reception

Car Park:

9.10-9.20am Y5

9.20-9.30am Y3

9.30-9.40am Y1

Nursery

As we stand at the moment, the Nursery will not be open; schools that have them attached to the main school have the choice what to do. Having considered this greatly, it would seem inconsistent and illogical to open Nursery and not all the other year groups within the school (as we have been directed). It would also place those staff at an increased risk compared to other staff and I would like consistency. I understand this may put families in a difficult position, but the directive itself places schools in a very difficult position.

If you are in the Nursery and a key worker family and feel there is no other childcare option, please contact the school using the forms described below.

Key Workers (KW)

Now seemingly called critical workers on documentation.

Please see this link below. If you believe you are a key worker, please fill in the attached form in and send it into info@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk

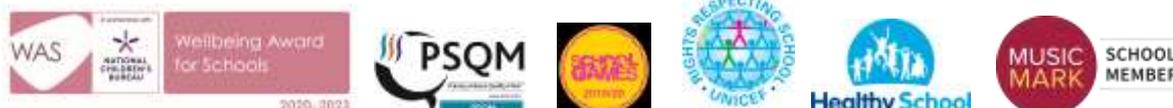
For the vast majority of the key worker children, they will be online on a laptop on school following their classes online learning.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#critical-workers>

Wrap around care-This will be happening for children who are in school. Please contact Jackie Coward if you are interested, even if they are already in wrap around care- JackieCoward@CBCServices.org.uk

Vulnerable children

If you believe your child falls into these categories, please contact the school. We will personally contact all EHCP children.





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Technology

We do have some spare laptops/chrome books. Please let the school know if you would be interested in having loan of one. Preference will be given to Pupil Premium children, but we may be able to help with parents with numerous siblings in the family.

Covid positive tests

So you are all aware what happened in school from the 16th December-from this date until 24th December we ended up having 9 positive cases, which impacted track and tracing meaning some children and staff were notified to self-isolate. In the end all year groups bar Nursery were having to self-isolate with various different ending points.

4 of the cases were children; some did have a temperature but nothing serious.

Of the staff, some were asymptomatic, some had minor symptoms.

Staff were all given tests to take from the 27th December, in order to have a diagnosis for the supposed school return on the 4th January. There have been some positive test results here-again they are generally minor symptoms and will self-isolate accordingly.

None of the staff or the children were seen as connected cases-they didn't openly mix in any way. In some of the situations, parents and children in the same household did get diagnosed with COVID.

It is clear that some people were in school with asymptomatic COVID-19. It is clear this didn't spread throughout bubbles or widely give others in the same bubble COVID symptoms.

After 13 1/2 weeks without a positive test result, we did experience a difficult set of negative results. The % of results we had was superior to the average in Wandsworth; however other primary schools were experiencing (or have already experienced) the same number of cases as us.

Regards

Tom Holmes
Headteacher

