

The School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. We have opened up to more children this week and have welcomed our Y6 class back. It has been such a pleasure to see them all and for them to see and be with their friends and peers.

We look forward to welcoming Reception and Year 1 children back next week. If you would like your child in YR or Y1 to return to school, please let us know in advance as this will help us to plan for their safe return.

Or, it may be that you have some questions - that is fine too. Get in touch with us, by calling the school office or by email (admin@sjsp.islington.sch.uk) and we will answer them as best as we can.

With thanks for your continued support,

Adeola Oladejo, Headteacher

Back to School Plan

Parents may be interested to know how we are operating at present as we welcome more children back to school. In order to ensure the health and safety of our children, their families and our staff, and in line with government and local guidance, these are some of the measures we have put in place to maintain a safe environment:

- Children must not attend school if they or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Children not attending school if they are unwell.
- Parents have been asked not to enter the school building (apart from one adult at a time to visit the office area).
- All children are allocated a 'bubble'. This is group of no more than 15 children - less if this is possible. Children in their bubbles will learn, play and eat together. They will have different play and lunch times from other bubbles/groups. They will have their own play equipment which will be regularly cleaned.
- Continued regular handwashing and use of hand sanitiser.
- Extra cleaning of frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- Ensuring pupils and staff understand that they must cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue away.
- Staff training on PPE, rubbish disposal, mental health and well-being.
- Staggered start and end times for different year groups. Parents asked to maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting.
- We ask that children do not bring in toys and books from home.

Our children are managing well with these new measures so far - thank you for supporting them with this.

Camden and Islington Public Health have published a booklet: [Children Returning to Primary School - Health Information for Parents and Carers which parents may also find useful.](#)

Free School Meals (FSM)

We will continue to provide FSM vouchers for eligible families who remain at home as we reopen to more pupils. If parent/carers would like to check the eligibility criteria and apply, you can do so from here: [apply for free school meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals) (www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals).

Mental Health and Well-being

A reminder that there are a number of mental health and well-being resources on our school website:

<https://www.stjudestpauls.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+Week+18th+%2D+25th+May&pid=142>

More useful websites for Children:

<https://www.stjudestpauls.co.uk/page/?title=Useful+Information+for+Children&pid=94>

The DfE have also published guidance for supporting mental health and wellbeing of young people:

<https://www.stjudestpauls.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+%26amp%3B+Well%2Dbeing&pid=78>

Online Safety

During school closure, children may be spending more time on devices and online. Here are tips to keep your child safe online:

- 1) Set parental controls on devices
- 2) Make sure they're doing school work when they should be
- 3) Talk to your child about staying safe online. Tell them:
 - ✓ They should only talk to people they know and trust in real life - anyone can pretend to be a child online.
 - ✓ If they do talk to people they don't know, don't give away personal information - like what street they live on or where they go to school, or share their location with them. Say no to any requests they get for images or videos, and stop talking to the other person.]
 - ✓ If they see something that upsets them, or someone bullies them, tell an adult they trust.
- 4) Agree rules on screen time.
- 5) Encourage off-screen activities.

Critical workers

We continue to remain open for children of critical workers and those vulnerable. If parents now need provision, please let us know, giving 1 week's notice if possible. This will help us plan for more children to return safely.

Reading!

Below are links to challenges and resources that families might like to try at home.

Summer Reading Challenge Reading Agency
#SillySquad2020 <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Reading Tube Map <https://misterbodd.wordpress.com/2020/05/12/reading-for-pleasure-tube-maps-mkii-2020/>

Keep Your Child Reading <https://literacytrust.org.uk/blog/ways-to-keep-your-childs-reading-up-while-schools-are-closed>

June 30 Day Wildlife challenge (suitable for Islington Families) <https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/57739/petition/1>



[Take part in The Great Science Share!](#)

Learning at home and at school!

Y1 read Sidney Spider - A Tale of Friendship and made scary spiders!



**Fantastic phonics, Lara!
Well done!**