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Dear parents and carers,

### **School opening update**

We hope you are all keeping well and are starting to return to some sort of normality as we gradually come out of lockdown.

You will know from previous letters that we have phased our reopening of the school and have put in place many new measures to protect children, staff and parents. On Monday June 1st we welcomed back Reception and other eligible children (i.e. children of key workers). This followed on June 8th with the return of Y1 and on June 15th with the return of Y6. We expect our nursery children to return on June 22nd. School feels very different to how it was before lockdown but our plans are working well and the children that have returned are happy and doing well.

We initially sent a survey out to find out how many children would be coming back. We then followed the survey up with phone calls with every parent prior to each group returning. So far numbers returning have been relatively low and we have very much left it to you as parents to decide if it is the right time to send your child(ren) back to school. As we reach the completion of our original reopening plan (which is where we have YN, YR, Y1, Y6 and other eligible children) we will know if we can bring back further groups of children. Please look out for further communication from us about this in the coming week.

For those parents who are already sending their children to school, please can you remember to stick strictly to the start and finish times for the relevant group.

This week we were able to give breakfast boxes to many eligible families through the charity, School Food Matters. Before the end of term we will have two more deliveries and will let parents know when they are available to be collected.

Also we texted parents this week with a link to the Lambeth and Southwark summer of food and fun programme which is about holiday food and activity this summer. It begins on 22 July and runs until 2 September 2020, ensuring that children and young people (aged 4-19 years), their families and/or carers are able to access a regular source of free nutritious meals over the summer, whether at a local club or at home.

You will also be able to join an array of fun and engaging community activities including sports, theatre, arts and crafts and cooking. In the event of continued restrictions, young people will still be able to access activities remotely, including food and nutrition education, arts and crafts, literacy support, and a wide range of physical activities.

The dual-borough programme will be delivered by a network of local community organisations ('hubs'). Hubs local to Friars are the Colombo Centre on Colombo Street, Coin Street Centre Trust and Living Space on Coral Street.

You will all be aware of the fantastic work of Marcus Rashford in persuading the government to make FSM vouchers available over the summer holidays. Please be aware that to receive these vouchers you must be eligible for Free school meals which is not the same as not having to pay for school meals in Southwark.

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To be eligible for FSM you need to be receiving one of the following benefits:

1. Child tax credit with no Working Tax Credit and where the household income is less than £16,190
2. Income support
3. Income based Job seeker's allowance
4. Income based Employment Support Allowance
5. Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
6. Guarantee element of state pension credit
7. Universal credit

If you are in receipt of any of the above benefits and you require FSM vouchers you will need to send the following to [office@friars.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@friars.southwark.sch.uk):

- Child name
- Child date of birth
- Child postal address
- Parent name (the official name that is used on any benefit correspondence)
- Parent date of birth
- Parent National Insurance (NI) number
- Parent email address
- Parent phone number

On a final note, we have taken the Black Lives Matter issue very seriously here at Friars. Our values of compassion, respect and responsibility help us understand that there is no place for racism in our community or society as a whole. We tweeted some pictures of a silent and peaceful protest on our school playground a couple of weeks ago. Today we have also tweeted the amazing accomplishment of Miilee in Y5. She designed a poster in light of the recent BLM movement and was inspired by her heritage, experiences, and fashion. She delivered a powerful message which is displayed on a billboard overseeing Waterloo Bridge. It is also going to appear in the local press too. Well done Miilee!

Kind regards,

J. Burtt

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