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Dear Parents and carers,

School closure from Tuesday January 5th to Friday January 15th 2021

We hope you are all well and safe and have been able to have a peaceful Christmas holiday.

You may be aware of yesterday's announcement that in some areas, primary schools will remain closed for an additional two weeks to help to control the current Covid outbreak; Southwark is one of these areas. This means that Friars will be closed to most pupils for the first two weeks of term and that teaching will take place via Google classroom from Tuesday 5th January – Friday 15th January (Monday 4th January was already scheduled as an INSET day for staff).

School will be open, however, for the children of critical workers and for children with certain needs (8:55 – 3:25 from January 5th - Breakfast club and playcentre will not operate during this period). If you are a critical worker and it is essential for your child to attend school during this period, please complete this form

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScu7-ZQ0URduURFmuOK8scrjYmwcR1nB_C83Za3Vwon1XXIfQ/viewform)

by 9am on Monday January 4th 2021 (you need a google account to be able to fill it out). We will contact the parents who have completed the form on Monday 4th. A list of critical worker professions is included in this letter and we may have to verify your employment if we have not already done so in the past.

We will also be contacting the parents of the vulnerable children that we have identified on Monday 4th January to see if they require a school place for these first two weeks.

Those children that do attend school from the 5th to the 15th will be organised into existing class bubbles as much as possible and will be supervised by one teacher and at least two teaching assistants in the school hall. They will have regular breaks, lunches and will be expected to continue with good hand and respiratory hygiene. We will ensure cleaning is regular and thorough and that any rooms used will be well ventilated.

Remote learning using Google classroom will be put in place for all children not attending school from the 5th to the 15th. There will be three lessons/activities set per day as well as regular google meets, quizzes and feedback from teachers. Please use your child's school google account details that you used previously to access the learning (if there are any issues with this please telephone the school from Monday 4th and we will do our best to help).

Children eligible for benefits related Free School Meals who are not attending school will have Tesco vouchers sent to them during next week (we will let you know when you can expect them).

If your child is scheduled to be in school during this period, please remember that if they exhibit covid symptoms or are in the same household as someone with symptoms, waiting for a test result or who has tested positive they must self-isolate for 10 days and not attend school.

In the meantime, we hope you all stay well and safe.

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt

Headteacher: Justin Burt

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Please see the list below to help you work out if your child is eligible to attend school during this period:

Health and social care

This includes, but is not limited to, doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers; the support and specialist staff required to maintain the UK's health and social care sector; those working as part of the health and social care supply chain, including producers and distributors of medicines and medical and personal protective equipment.

Education and childcare

This includes:

- childcare
- support and teaching staff
- social workers
- specialist education professionals who must remain active during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response to deliver this approach

Key public services

This includes:

- those essential to the running of the justice system
- religious staff
- charities and workers delivering key frontline services
- those responsible for the management of the deceased
- journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting

Local and national government

This only includes:

- those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm's length bodies

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food:

- production
- processing
- distribution
- sale and delivery
- as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines)

Public safety and national security

This includes:

- police and support staff
- Ministry of Defence civilians

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- contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak)
- fire and rescue service employees (including support staff)
- National Crime Agency staff
- those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes:

- staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure)
- the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage)
- information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the coronavirus (COVID-19) response
- key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services)
- postal services and delivery
- payments providers
- waste disposal sectors

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