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Dear Parents,

Further school closure information.

We hope you are all well and safe in these latest troubling times. Most of you will now know that we are now in a full national lockdown which means that schools across the country are closed for the majority of children until the end of this half term at least. Whilst this is far from ideal with regards to children's learning, and schools have been given very little notice, it is an important move to help protect the NHS and save lives. This letter is to give you some important updates about what this means at Friars.

Critical worker and vulnerable children:

Thank you to the parents who filled out the critical worker booking form. The children of critical workers and other children identified by the school have made a good start today. They are broadly following the same programme of learning that all other children are doing at home. As school closures are for the rest of this half term and not just two weeks, if any parents have a job that requires them to work in person and is on the critical worker list (see the letter sent out to parents on December 31st) please contact us if you are likely to need a school place. We may have to verify your employment if we have not done so previously.

Online learning:

As in the previous lockdown we are providing online learning through Google classroom. It can be accessed through the homepage of the school website. Please use your child's school email address and password to log in. The user name is firstname and first letter of surname @friars.southwark.sch.uk (i.e. Kyron Wallace - not a real pupil! - would be kyronw@friars.southwark.sch.uk). The password is "sun". As previously outlined in the letter sent on December 31st the content is as follows:

- Introductions to lessons using a variety of methods including google meet, prepared videos either by the teachers themselves or from pre-prepared sources and clear written instructions.
- Resources and activities that will meet children's needs and that enable them to work for at least three hours across the day (1x English, 1x maths and 1x other curricular area using our curriculum overview). The teachers may also set wellbeing quizzes and other additional ongoing activities.
- Regular feedback in the form of teachers marking online work, making comments online, responding to queries and questions from both parents and children and regular google meets where the children can see each other and teachers can clear up learning misconceptions.

Please contact us if you have any issues with the online learning provision either by phone between 8:30 and 4pm Monday to Friday, by emailing the teacher directly (email addresses below) or by contacting the teacher through Google classroom.

Mr. Tull (Y6) Year6@friars.southwark.sch.uk

Miss Kee (Y5) Year5@friars.southwark.sch.uk

Headteacher: Justin Burt

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We have a small amount of spare ipads most of which we have already loaned out and we have also placed an order with the DfE for spare laptops. When the laptops arrive, we will prioritise children who are eligible for FSM who also do not have any access to technology at home. Please look out for further information about this.

Food provision:

All children that are in school are being provided with a meal each day unless they bring their own packed lunch. Previously we sent out Tesco vouchers and Edenred vouchers to eligible children during the first lockdown and Christmas. For the next two weeks at least, we will not be able to send out vouchers but **we will ensure that weekly food hampers (with accompanying suggested meal options) are made available to benefits eligible FSM children in the first instance and any other parents who request them thereafter.** If you are not the parent of a benefits eligible FSM child but would like to receive a weekly food hamper, please email headteacher@friars.southwark.sch.uk by 9am on Thursday 7th Jan. The first weekly food hamper will be available on Friday 8th January and we ask that parents come to the school to collect them (we advise you bring an extra carrier bag or two). We will send further information about collection times to all FSM eligible children and other parents who request them.

Safeguarding and welfare calls:

Starting next week, teachers will be making a weekly welfare call to all children in their class to see how they are all doing. If you see a call from a withheld number it may well be your child's class teacher. If parents have any safeguarding concerns during the current school closure, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

In the meantime, we hope you stay well and that the roll out of vaccines will start to make a real difference to all our lives.

Yours sincerely,

J. Burtt

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