



Sir John Cass's Foundation
Primary School
Headteacher: Miss A Allan

19th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to start by saying thank you to all of our SJC community. During this difficult time, you have all been incredibly patient and understanding with the limited information that is available.

I will be sending out a number of communications over the next two days, however I do not want to overload you with lots of detail and information at once. In order to do this I will be trying to send out letters about specific aspects of our plans eg, home schooling, school openings for vulnerable groups etc.

At the moment we know the following:

- The school will close tomorrow afternoon at the usual time
- There will be no clubs after school tomorrow (except for playcentre and tea club)
- School will not open on Monday morning to most children
- The children who do not come into school on Monday and beyond will have access to home learning
- Vulnerable children, children who have social worker involvement, children with Education Health and Care plans and children of keyworkers will have access to childcare from Monday
- The government is making provision for children who are registered for Free School meals or Pupil Premium in the form of food vouchers.

We are waiting for exact clarification about who the government is classing to be vulnerable and those who are now identified as keyworker children. We are also waiting for the local authority to give us formal notification that we are the school who will host the children who will have access to childcare.

We do not yet know how the voucher system for Free School Meals will work.

At the end of the school day tomorrow, your child will bring home a learning pack to support them over the next few weeks. Please make sure your child has their book bag with them in order to carry their things. If your child is not in school tomorrow then you will be able to collect their pack between 3.30pm and 6.00pm, alternatively you might ask a friend to bring your pack home for you.

Further information about our home learning strategy will follow before the end of the day tomorrow.

Medication:

Many children in school have medication that is stored in the office. Please collect this by the end of the day on Friday.

Safeguarding:

Safeguarding and families wellbeing will be high on our agenda during the closure. When we send home information about home learning, we will discuss how to keep in contact with teachers so that we know you are safe throughout the week. If you have any concerns about your own families safeguarding or wellbeing, please contact the office or myself (office@sirjohncassprimary.org or aallan@sirjohncassprimary.org) and we will do what we can to signpost or support you. Please also let us know if you have any concerns about other families that you think we may be able to help or support.

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Please bear with us while we prepare for this unprecedented change and await further direction from the government and local authority.

My very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Allan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Miss A Allan

(Headteacher)