



COVID-19

20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

When our schools finished on Friday, it was a very odd feeling for those staff and pupils that were here. We are currently living through very difficult and unprecedented times not just in this country but throughout the world.

Many of the children in our schools have left confused and upset, expecting to complete their exams this year which would take them on to their next journey of learning and yet these have all been cancelled. We will all find out soon how the government will ensure that each child will receive an appropriate assessment and affirmation of all their hard work, but right now it is hard for the students to take in.

For you too as parents the next few weeks and months are going to be challenging. Schools are staying open for key worker children and other specific groups as defined by the Prime Minister today. Most of you will be at home with your children. Work has been provided in a combination of paper packs and on-line learning through virtual classrooms or learning platforms. The staff will continue to update the on-line learning for your child, so they will have work they can do over time. Please ensure your children stay safe on the internet.

I would like to thank you for the support and kind messages that have been received from parents and carers. I would also like to express my deep gratitude to all our staff both in the classrooms and in our Reception areas and offices. They have continued to work hard for our local communities in a calm and professional way over the past few difficult days.

Please keep safe and well. In particular, I have heard of fraudsters who are taking advantage of this current situation, claiming to be able to test for COVID-19 but instead want access to your homes to burgle! Be aware!

Please be reassured that both Stepney Green and Clara Grant schools remain **OPEN** for children of **key workers, vulnerable children or those with EHC plans**. The schools will be contacting you to check the arrangements for vulnerable children.

On behalf of the Trust, I wish you and your families all the very best at this challenging time.

Best wishes,

Susan Ward

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