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Dear Parents/ Carers,

COVID – 19 UPDATE

We are writing to provide information about the actions that the school is now taking following the government's directions for partial school closure. DKH will be open as normal on Friday 20th March but will be **partially open** from **Monday 23rd March**.

Thank you to all parents who have completed the parent survey, this will help us immensely in planning future actions at DKH. We are using this information to organise partial opening from next Monday 23rd March and will be communicating with families regarding this directly.

The following children will be offered access to the school as directed by the prime minister:

- ✓ Children with Education Health and Care Plans.
- ✓ Families who are in temporary accommodation.
- ✓ Vulnerable families identified by the school.
- ✓ Children of families who are frontline workers, e.g. NHS staff, pharmacy workers, police and fire services. If anyone feels that they fall into an essential role but has not been identified above, please contact us directly on the office email.

As you are aware, we have organised **online home learning** on the schools website.

- ✓ This will be updated regularly throughout the time the school is closed.
- ✓ We are organising paper homework learning packs which will be available for children to take home on Friday. Families whose children are not in school on Friday can send a family member or friend to collect packs from the playground at 3:15 pm. We will have a class list ready to ensure that everyone gets a copy.
- ✓ We are organising a weekly timetable of proposed activities that children could follow to help ensure home learning is productive and structured.
- ✓ Staff will regularly be responding to emails sent to school@dkh.southwark.sch.uk
So if you require any support or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.
- ✓ We have identified some families who may require regular telephone contact from us, so please accept our courtesy calls.

We are currently in discussion with our catering company, the local authority and will be updating you on how the provision for lunches will be facilitated. We will provide more information regarding this over the next two days. If you have not completed the parent survey for any reason, please communicate this via the school office at: school@dkh.southwark.sch.uk

Finally, I would just like to thank those of you who have been incredibly supportive of school in the past few days in what have been very testing times for us all. Your patience and





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understanding is very much appreciated. These are unprecedented times and I know how worrying this situation is and how hard these next months may be for families. I hope that together, as a school community, we will continue to support one another and make the best of the situation that we are faced with.

Copleston Centre on Copleston Rd, are co-ordinating the community support of volunteers for the local neighbourhood, which will include the Dog Kennel Hill and Champion Hill Estates. So local vulnerable families can ask for help and people can volunteer. We will share more information about this on our website shortly.

We would like to remind you of a number of food banks operating in the Southwark that can support families who may be facing food shortages:

- **Southwark Foodbank (PECAN)** - 020 773 20007 / <https://www.pecan.org.uk/southwark-foodbank>
Five centres operating in the borough with opening times and locations listed on its website.
- **Oasis Foodbank** - 0207 357 7331
Has one distribution centre in Southwark at St George The Martyr Church, Borough High St, London, SE1 1JA
- **Central Southwark Community Hub** - 020 7703 1653 / <https://www.cschub.co.uk/>
Four centres in the borough with locations and opening hours listed on its website. Clients need to be referred to Margaret Taribo (margaret.taribo@cschub.co.uk) before a visit is made.
- **Camberwell Community Fridge** – 020 7737 6186 / Albrighton Centre
Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
- **The Borough Free Fridge** – 02073577331 / St George The Martyr Church, Borough High Street, SE1 1JA
Open Tuesday afternoon, 2-5pm.

We will continue to communicate any further updates by email while the school is partially open. Please ensure the school has your email details by contacting Ms Lucas at the school office. We will also post updates to the website as well. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Ms L. Hillier
Head of School

