



Thought of the Week

Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.
– Vincent Van Gogh

A message from our Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the governments guidance, we have done all we can to reduce the number of pupils in school and still provide places for the children identified by the DfE. We would much prefer that all children were in school receiving their normal provision. However, due to current circumstances and guidance, this is not possible at this time. I would like to say thank you to parents/carers who are continuing to keep their children at home. This has allowed us to prioritise places in school for those children who need them and limit contact for children and staff. As I indicated in my latest letter, the Government have shifted their approach to schools and have stated that if parents/carers can keep their children at home, they should. Yesterday we were informed that schools will not fully open after February half term and the earliest date for full opening has been postponed to at least the 8th March. The school will continue with its remote provision until we all return.

Remote Learning

We have been working with our website designer to ensure that the learning from home links are all in one place, clear and easy to access. I hope you will find this to be an improvement. We hope the new layout will be live on Monday.

Online Safety and Protocol

We hope that children are enjoying the whole class 'live' meetings. These meetings allow children to reconnect with their classmates as well as allow us to focus on wellbeing and the PSHE curriculum, both important areas, particularly during these complex times.

Please remember that during live meetings, children should be in communal areas of the house and not in their bedrooms and be dressed appropriately. Everyone should always use appropriate language. Whilst parents do not need to be in the live sessions, it is helpful if they are available to support their child in case there are any difficulties with the technology.

It has been wonderful to see some of the work that children have produced and it is clear that many of our parents are doing an excellent job. **Thank you!**

Note from the Office

If you are eligible for Government funded free school Meals, you will receive a weekly voucher via Edened.



Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families, which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

Art at DKH

Young Artists' Summer Show 2021 at The Royal College of Art, London

The Royal College of Art's annual art competition is now open for children from ages 5-19 to enter. It is open for submissions until **26th April 2021**.



Next week, Ms Kelly-Roberts will provide details about the type of art that can be submitted and entry details.

This will be an exciting opportunity for our students to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts. We cannot wait to see your creativity in action!



Your Feedback Means a Lot

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took time to complete our **Remote Learning Survey**. As I am sure you can appreciate, everyone is working under different circumstances. Your feedback allows us to review our provision and ensure that we can meet as many of your needs as possible.

Here is what you told us:

- 96.1% found the recorded daily teacher overview useful
- 98.6% found small group teacher support sessions via Teams useful
- 97.3% found the printed packs useful
- 96% found the work manageable
- 96% found the tasks engaging
- 94.8% felt it would be helpful to have recorded English lessons.
- 93% felt a weekly, virtual class 'meet up' would be beneficial

We have made some changes to our provision, following your comments.

Thank you to all the parents / carers who have taken time to share kind messages and good wishes. We are grateful for your support.

Reminder

We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible. This means limiting face-to-face contact with school staff. Parents / Carers are reminded to please telephone or email in the first instance. If you do need to meet with the school office, please ensure you do so between 9:30 – 2:30. Please wear a face covering and note that only one person, at a time, will be allowed in the school office. Thank you for working with us!

REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

To keep ourselves, families, and the community safe:

-  Keep social distancing and avoid crowded areas
-  Wear a face covering (unless exempt) including outdoors in crowds
-  Wash your hands or use sanitiser
-  If you have symptoms, stay at home and book a test at: nhs.uk/coronavirus

Check the latest COVID-19 restrictions: gov.uk/coronavirus
Visit southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus or sign up to our digital newsletter at southwark.gov.uk/followus

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Dates for the Diary



12.02.2021	Virtual Parent Meetings
15.02.2021	Half Term Begins
22.02.2021	Children return to remote learning
22.02.2021	Virtual Parent Meetings
04.03.2021	World Book Day
08.03.2021	International Women's Day

