

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you and those that you love are keeping well at this difficult time.

This letter is to share a bit of school news with you and to keep us all in touch. We will be writing to you and posting a letter on our school website at the beginning of each week while our school is closed.

Our school is working in collaboration with St Mary Abbots school, running a critical worker childcare hub for doctors, nurses, carers and other NHS staff, police, food distributors and other workers identified as key by the government. The hub will rotate from school to school, with key workers' children attending at St Barnabas and St Philips from Monday the 20th April. Staff from both schools are involved in running this hub every day. The service will continue to be provided throughout the Easter holiday period and we will be in touch towards the end of the week about the location of the provision for this period.

We would like to thank our staff who are working at these school hubs, placing themselves and their family's health at risk in order to serve the greater good.

Our children who are entitled to free school meals are eligible to collect food for their lunches. If you are entitled to free school meals and have not yet signed up for this provision, please email Mrs Vagic at admin@sbsp.rbkc.sch.uk

We have been busy creating Learning from Home resources for our children. These are easy to find on our school website and from today- Monday 30th March, will be available on the front page of our website. Here you will now find a new tab- Learning from Home. Please click on this tab to access Learning from Home materials. Please also look in Information for Parents- Coronavirus Information- where we have saved this weekly letter to parents.

New Learning from Home resources will be available on the website each Monday. We have provided a daily structure that some parents may like to use, however there is no expectation that you use it. You know best how you wish to run your household.

As you know, we have taken the government and teaching unions advice to provide learning resources that will **keep children busy and enjoying learning, while providing flexibility for parents.** Lots of the activities are things that the children can get on with on their own. We will not be asking children to bring in the work that they have done to school once this is over unless they want to.

We are mindful that many of you are also trying to work from home, look after sick relatives or may be sick yourselves. Lots of families now have financial worries. We are avoiding a 'command and control' approach with lots of timetabling and demands on parents that some schools have taken in the first week and have now been asked to move away from.

Please do get in touch with us by email if we can help you with anything.

With warmest wishes to you and your loved ones

Mrs Harris (Executive Headteacher) and Mrs Vagic (Head of School)