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Mission Statement "We are special people on a journey, growing and learning together in search of excellence, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus."

Dear Parents,

4th January 2021

On behalf of all staff we wish to and your families a very happy, healthy and safe new year, I am pleased to say that most staff are able to return to work following covid testing requirements. We pray for those in our community who have been bereaved or have fallen ill during the holiday period. Please do not send your child to school if displaying any signs of Covid. Please inform the school if your child has tested positive at any point.

Unfortunately Nursery will not be opening due to the Covid disruption until further notice. I apologise for the inconvenience to our new Nursery intake and hope that we will soon be able to welcome our new pupils into school.

Due to the current Covid situation we have used today to review our Risk Assessment in preparation for opening school tomorrow and longer term for the return of the whole school. Further guidance on our risk assessment will be provided tomorrow by Tower Hamlets and we will take this into consideration.

School will be open tomorrow for children of key workers and SEND pupils, these children will be supervised by teaching assistants who will support children's access to Google Classroom and other learning activities as advised by class teachers. Pupils should wear school uniform, bring a water bottle but do not need to bring PACT folders to school. School dinner will be provided. School closes at 3.15 pm. After school provision will be provided only for parents of children who already attended and who are in the Reception, Year 1 and 2 bubbles.

Teachers will be working remotely via Google Classroom and Purple Mash for KS 2 and KS 1 and the EYFS programme as advised in the Remote Learning Plan letter you received at the end of last term. Please sign the Google Online Session Code of Conduct following the link sent as soon as possible before lessons begin tomorrow.

Please note that teachers provided paper copies of homework before Christmas in anticipation of school closure so that your children would have access to home learning if they cannot access a computer for any online learning sessions. Please let the school know if you are having any difficulties so we can provide support.

Arrangements for tomorrow

To manage reduced contact between the different year groups we will not be providing breakfast club. Entry to school will be at 8.50am for Reception Class, Y1 and 2 via Nursery Gate and Y3/4/5/6 via main office gate. Parents are respectfully advised to please keep social distance and wear a face mask.

Teaching assistants are being deployed to provide learning in bubbles of EYFS / Y1 and 2 / Y3 and 4 and Y5 and 6. This will be reviewed when we know exact numbers and staff availability and we will keep you updated.

Every best wishes
Miss Nugent