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A "Sense of Pride"

Dear Parents,

I am sure that you are aware that last week the Secretary of State for Education finally clarified the Government's position regarding the full opening of primary schools for a month before the end of term. He has accepted that most schools (particularly primaries) do not have the capacity, in terms of both physical space and teachers, to welcome back all pupils. He went on to say that if schools do have capacity, then Government would like them to accommodate the return of more children before the end of the summer term. However, as the restrictions are still in place for bubbles of 15 pupils only, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate any other year groups back to school.

As a school, we all feel concerned for the children who remain at home. We know that everyone is doing the best for their family in the circumstances but this can never replace the experience of physically being at school. If we were able to bring everyone back safely, believe me, we would do it.

I know that this will be disappointing for you and your child, as it certainly is for the whole SPJS community. We completely understand that home schooling whilst trying to work is extremely difficult, as many of us are in the same position. For many members of staff who have children, home schooling is also proving difficult - it is often much easier to teach 32 children in a classroom setting than trying to teach your own family at home!

Please complete the survey to provide us with feedback on how it is going for you at home and how we could make it even better. <https://forms.gle/xaXzXJHLrvxKyZsm6>

Teaching staff are currently in school every day preparing for and teaching Year 6 children whilst also planning work for their own classes and phoning home to speak with children and parents. I must thank all our staff for their dedication and hard work at this extremely challenging time, and our governing body for their commitment to the safety of all at SPJS.

As explained in my letter on 22nd April, we had hoped to get Google Classrooms up and running but this has only just been sorted by London Grid for Learning and Google. Unfortunately, at the moment, we are unable to implement this due to our current workload and the need for training.

You and your family will have many questions about the future, some of which we cannot answer ourselves at the moment, but we are currently making decisions and arrangements to ensure that there is some transition for all pupils. As soon as we have

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details on these arrangements we will contact you directly. We have decided not to mix the Year 3 classes up this year as we feel this additional change would not benefit the children at this time. Instead, the classes will be mixed at the end of Year 4.

We await the next announcement from Government to find out what the restrictions and arrangements for September will be. Thankfully, the number of new infections and deaths from Covid19 continue to fall almost daily at present, so we are hopeful that September may bring the opportunity for a normal start to the school year but, like you, we can only keep our fingers crossed at this stage.

As soon as we hear more from the Government, we will keep you informed. Thank you for your continued support over the past couple of months as it has made a very difficult situation much more manageable. If there is anything else we can help you with at this stage, then please feel free to contact us at school via the school office email as usual.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shamy' or 'Lamy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Lamy
Headteacher