JULIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear all

Many of you will have heard that there has unfortunately been a fire on the Streatham site. Due to the seriousness of the incident we have been working throughout the night and today, together with the Premises team, the London Fire Brigade and Lambeth Officers to resolve the situation. Our thanks to the LFB for bringing the fire under control.

In terms of further details, the fire occurred at 00:08hrs this morning (Saturday 23rd August 2025). London Fire Brigade (LFB) received five 999 calls regarding the fire. The first fire engine from West Norwood fire station arrived on scene within three minutes. At the height of the response, 10 fire engines, a fire rescue unit, and an aerial appliance were deployed. Fire engines have remained on site throughout the day to damp down and assist the LFB Fire Investigation Team. The fire caused damage to 40% of the roof at the rear of the school, and water damage to approx. 50% of the whole building primarily due to sprinkler activation. There is also extensive internal damage. At present the entire Streatham site is unusable due to the damage and for health and safety reasons.

As this is a bank holiday weekend, we are sure you can appreciate that we do not have much more information for you yet. **However, we are sorry to inform you that the Streatham site will be closed, as a minimum, for the week beginning the 1st September and the Streatham children will therefore not be able to return to school on Wednesday 3rd September. This will not immediately impact on Reception children as they are not due to start school on that date. Your child's home visit will take place as planned.**

We want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure a smooth start to the new academic year, whilst acknowledging the inevitable disruption it will cause. We are looking into alternative plans going forward as a matter of urgency and are in contact with the local authority to secure suitable arrangements. We hope to be able to share these with you next week as soon as we have more information and a solution going forward. If you have any questions, please contact me directly on

headteacher@juliansprimary.org.uk and/or Becky on bcoburn@juliansprimary.org.uk rather than classroom teachers.

Kind regards



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