JULIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are absolutely delighted to announce that we have successfully secured Goldfinch Primary, 21 Cunliffe St, London SW16 as an alternative site for the school, whilst the Streatham building undergoes significant remedial works due to fire and water damage. This is a huge relief for us all and means that we can now start to plan for the return of our children.



The process of finding a new school site has been a monumental task and has required great resilience from us all. We were suddenly faced with the daunting prospect of a new academic year and no school - something I did not anticipate dealing with at this stage of my career, let alone at the end of the summer break. We have been working tirelessly since Saturday 23rd August to secure the best possible option for our children. This has not been easy. We looked at spare classroom capacity across the south of the borough, which was ultimately not feasible; the partial use of the Streatham site which has proved impossible for health and safety reasons and the entire use of vacant potential sites which were put forward as possible options for our school. We visited three empty school sites in three different boroughs to decide on the most viable solution for our school community. The Goldfinch site was quickly identified as our preferred option, but there have been challenges to securing the site formally. This is because an agreement had to be reached with Dunraven Educational Trust (DET), Wandsworth, Lambeth and the Department for Education (DfE) - an agreement between five parties, rather than simply two. The legal, financial and insurance sides of the agreement are still in process and there continues to be a great deal of work to do.

All our staff will now be working extremely hard to ensure the new site is set up and running as quickly as possible for your children. All being well, we expect to be able to welcome Streatham children to the temporary site on Monday 22nd September. For our Reception children, the Induction Days will be on Monday 22nd September and Tuesday 23rd September (please look out for a separate letter regarding your child's Induction Day date) with all Reception children then starting on Wednesday 24th September. As I am sure you will appreciate, the logistics of clearing and then setting up a new site , organising transport where possible, removing furniture and resources from the Streatham site and transporting these to the Goldfinch site, mobilising the catering company, wrap around care and clubs, setting up printers, computers, installing whiteboards, telephone systems etc mean that this is a very tight deadline.

We are also in conversation with Schoolfriend Club with a view to continuing the wraparound provision, once we move to Goldfinch, as well as after school club providers so that they can operate from the Goldfinch site. They will release information and open bookings as soon as they are able to.

We realise that the move to the Goldfinch site involves an additional journey for some families and have been in discussions with Lambeth regarding transport between sites. If we are able to secure transport from 226 Leigham Court Rd to the Goldfinch Primary site, it would be helpful to understand the number of families who would be interested in taking up this option. Please could Streatham families kindly fill in this google form to give us an idea of numbers by Thursday 11th September. Please note that we are unable to take a flexible approach to transport, so you will be required to opt for a place or not. The timings of transport would be strict and buses would not be able to wait for latecomers. The transport would ensure children arrive at school for the start of the school day and leave at the end of the school day so any children attending SFC or any after school clubs would have to be collected independently. In the event of demand exceeding supply we will have to prioritise according to where families live.

Throughout this period we have communicated honestly, openly and proactively on all developments regarding the incident, the recovery efforts, and future plans and will continue to do so. We, like you, have been absolutely devastated by the loss of our Streatham site at the start of the school year. However, we hope that, for now, this is a positive and reassuring update, and we are really looking forward to welcoming your children back to school.

We recognise that the school closure has had a huge impact on our school community and we cannot thank you enough for all your support and patience. I am grateful to our staff, School Governors, Lambeth Council, Wandsworth Council, Dunraven Educational Trust, colleagues and our parental community who have supported us throughout this process. This has been an extraordinary experience which has required extra ordinary effort from everyone and will continue to do so. Thank you once again for all your support, understanding and co-operation. It has meant a great deal to know you are on this journey with us.

Warm regards,



Alison Moller
Executive Headteacher