JULIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought it might be useful to provide an update for families on some key points regarding Streatham:

1. **Has the fire affected access to resources and learning materials for the children?**
   No, it has not affected access to resources although some items have inevitably been damaged beyond economic repair. However, we have sourced what we need and now have ample resources available. Please be assured that all children have access to what they need. Where items were damaged by fire/water, these have been replaced where possible. All resources needed for the Autumn and Spring Terms have been retrieved or replaced. We are still in the process of our insurance claim and working with loss adjusters to determine which items were damaged beyond economic repair and which are salvageable. All items are currently being claimed through the insurance process.
2. **What is the current status of resource donations and support offers made to the school following the fire?**
   Our PTFA have raised £12,985 + Gift Aid through crowdfunding with an additional £5000 donated from Vivum Music which has been ringfenced for music education and instruments. The PTFA also organised a huge delivery of quality books for our children which are currently being organised in the library. We are extremely grateful to Lukasz Fratczak who runs *Just Move It*, Phil Brown who did a thorough assessment of the areas affected by fire and water so we could safely access resources and Laura Treherne agreed to represent the school in its legal dealings - all of whom offered their services pro bono. A huge thank you to parent/carer volunteers who are helping with resources including putting together resource packs and displays, as well as organising lost property, at the Streatham Goldfinch site.
3. **What steps has the school taken to support families with transport?**
   We have put a great deal of time and effort into arranging transport for our children that require

it. Older children have been placed on the earlier buses which arrive back later and younger children have been placed on the later buses that arrive back earlier. This is to reduce the length of the day for younger children. All siblings have been placed together, with younger siblings traveling on the later buses and older siblings travelling on the earlier buses. Once again, this has been arranged with the children's best interest in mind. We have done our best to accommodate all wraparound care, after school clubs, ad hoc appointments and extra curricular commitments to help all our families and have employed a transport coordinator to help with daily requests.

4. **My child doesn't have time to eat breakfast before getting on their bus. Can my child eat breakfast at school?**

   Yes, of course. It is very important that children have a nutritious breakfast to set them up for a day of learning. Children are welcome to bring a healthy breakfast eg fruit and sandwich and eat in the hall when they arrive at school. No food is to be consumed on the buses please. Please remember that we are a nut-free school.

5. **How is the school monitoring any learning time that has been affected by transport delays?**

   In terms of learning time, teachers are mindful of the transport situation and are consciously ensuring that all children are welcomed into the class and up to speed with the lesson. However, roadworks and traffic delays are not in our control and this was what caused the delays following the half term break. We have also been made aware of delays caused by parking on Etherstone Road. In order to speed up the transport process, we kindly ask that families do not park on Etherstone Road as it is dangerous and is causing delays.

6. **What measures are being put in place to ensure that children from the Streatham site are progressing at the same rate as their peers at West Norwood during this interim period?**

   We monitor the progress of all children on both sites very closely - as individuals, classes, year groups and sites. We will be looking at the current assessment results to see whether the situation has had an impact on outcomes. We will put additional support in place for any children that require it on both West Norwood and Streatham sites. This is what happens every time we analyse the data from assessments.

7. **Is there a plan for communicating future transport disruptions to parents/carers?**

   It is difficult to predict road closures but we try to be as informed as possible. We have set up communication groups for all of the buses now and so will be able to communicate more easily if there are specific problems.

8. **What is the current timeline for the rebuilding efforts at the original Streatham site?**

   We were initially told that the school would need to relocate for around 3–6 months. However, building projects often take longer than expected. It now seems very unlikely that we will be able to return to the Leigham Court Road site before Easter, given the scale of the repair work required. We currently therefore expect to remain at Goldfinch until at least Easter—and possibly

beyond. As soon as we have more information about this we will share it with the school community.

9. **When does the school anticipate being able to return to the Streatham site?**
   At this juncture we are unable to confirm an exact return date. We are still awaiting the surveyor's proposal, but Belfor have started the initial remediation works (minor strip out, mitigation drying and sorting through the contents of the property). Given the extent of planning required, it is unlikely that any reinstatement work will commence this side of the year. As soon as we have more information about this we will share it with the school community.
10. **Can the school provide clear and regular communication to give parents/carers reassurance and clarity regarding the return to the original site?**
    We will continue to keep our community informed of updates as and when they happen. This is an incredibly complex and evolving situation due to the extent of the damage and the involvement of insurers.
11. **Has the school received any external feedback regarding the Streatham Goldfinch site?**
    We would like to share some feedback from our recent Inclusion Quality Mark Flagship Project Assessment:

    "*In response, school leaders worked swiftly and collaboratively with the Local Authority to identify an alternative site… A suitable location was secured in early September, after which the complex logistics of transporting pupils to and from the new site were carefully planned and implemented. I started my day at this temporary site, and everything was running incredibly smoothly. Thanks to the extraordinary commitment and hard work of the entire Julian's Primary School team, the transition to the temporary site was managed with remarkable efficiency… I am completely in awe of how brilliantly everyone involved has managed to make things happen*."
    - Assessor's Evaluation for the IQM Flagship Project

    We hope this answers your questions. Please contact me or Becky if you would like any further clarification.

    Warm regards,

    

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