JULIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Julian's Primary School – Parent/Carer Forum Summary

Thursday 2 July – West Norwood Site

This summary highlights the key information shared at the Parent/Carer Forum, grouped into the main themes raised by families. The full Q&A document is available for those who would like to read the detailed answers.

1. Rebuild programme & return to Streatham

Lambeth has now committed to a 5 October 2026 start date for reinstatement works, with a six-month programme. This means the school is expected to return to the Leigham Court Road site in April 2027, at the start of the summer term.

The delay has been caused by the complexity of drying and accessing damaged areas, including the underfloor heating system and lift shaft. The design phase is nearing completion, after which contractor procurement can begin.

Some questions – including detailed timelines, procurement sequencing and reasons for earlier delays – require formal responses from Lambeth Council and their appointed teams. These will be shared once provided.

2. Funding & insurance

There is no dispute with insurers regarding the scope or cost of reinstatement.

Insurance continues to fund the works, and no emergency government funding is available for incidents of this nature.

3. Accountability, governance & communication

The Executive Head and Chair of Governors continue to apply pressure on all external stakeholders.

Governors meet fortnightly with Lambeth, loss adjusters and project managers, and have held additional meetings when needed.

The school will continue to publish Q&A responses and share updates when new information is available.

Representatives from Lambeth, insurers and project teams will continue to be invited to future forums.

4. Future of Julian's School

The school remains viable.

Reduced pupil numbers have affected finances, but governors are legally required to set a balanced budget and are working closely with Lambeth's finance team and external advisers.

There are no plans for mixed-age classes.

Positive PR and word-of-mouth remain vital, and the school continues to operate successfully from the Goldfinch site.

Admissions work includes open days, tours, proactive marketing, a new Instagram page, a marketing video and a website upgrade.

5. Impact on children & families

Educational outcomes remain strong, with no discernible difference between sites.

EYFS, phonics, KS2 and Greater Depth results continue to improve.

Wellbeing is monitored closely through teachers, learning mentors, the inclusion team and external partners such as Hero Self and Lambeth Mental Health Support Team.

The school recognises the impact of relocation on family life and has put extensive measures in place, including extended club hours, inclusion coffee mornings, workshops and a dedicated Transport Coordinator.

6. Coaches, transport & daily logistics

Transport will continue next year with 7:55am and 8:40am departures.

Timings prioritise younger pupils, and siblings will continue to travel together.

A later coach to support after-school clubs has been requested.

The school has asked Lambeth to implement several road-safety improvements on Etherstone Road; these have not yet been actioned but are now under consideration.

Movement between sites is not permitted under current admissions policy. Any change would require a formal consultation and would not take effect until 2028.

7. Planning for the return to Leigham Court Road

The move back to LCR is planned for the Easter holidays 2027, allowing a smooth transition with minimal disruption.

Children are expected to return on Tuesday 13 April 2027.

Volunteers may be invited to support the move if needed.

8. The rebuilt school & temporary site

Enhancements to outdoor spaces – funded by Trees for Cities and the PTFA – are planned but paused until reinstatement works are complete.

Facilities at Goldfinch continue to be monitored, with additional cleaning measures under review.

Thank you to everyone who attended, we appreciate your support.

Warm regards,





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Executive Headteacher

Chris Davies
Chair of Governing Board