



Newsletter
23rd October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this first half term back, I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking you all for your support and efforts in ensuring that the children have returned to school happy, settled and feeling safe. I know that I speak for all of the staff here at St. Luke's when I say just how pleased we have all been to see all the children return to school full time, after such an unprecedented, and sometimes unsettling, time.

I would also like to update you on the following:

Remote learning

You will no doubt have heard talk in the press about so-called 'circuit breakers', as a form of a short period of national lockdown. There has been much speculation about when, and indeed, if this will be happening here in England, and whether primary schools would close. To date, we have had no information about this, and as it stands, we plan to fully reopen as planned after half term.

The reason that I am writing to you about this today is to explain what would happen if we were to be placed under strict lockdown again over the half term period, or at any other point, which resulted in school closures. We would resume the model that we followed during the lockdown period, whereby provision would be provided on a daily basis through Microsoft Teams. For Early Years, we would provide emailed work or paper packs. The same principle would apply if we had to close a year group bubble in the case of a positive test. Please be assured that if either of these were to occur, we would write to you providing full details at the time.

Receipt of school newsletter or correspondence

I wanted to make you aware of the fact that we have had a few parents contacting us to say that they have not been receiving the school newsletter, who have then found it in their spam or junk inbox. If you are finding that you are not always receiving school email correspondence, then please do check for this and, as always, if your contact details do change, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Children's exercise books

In the first week back after half term, we will be giving children their exercise books from the 2018.19 academic year. Please could you send your child in with a strong carrier bag in the first week back so that they can bring them home.

Attached letters

Please find attached a letter that has been distributed to all Tower Hamlets schools about travel to school, and for information and support on how to walk or cycle to school. I have also attached a flyer from Engineering Minds, a company that provides our very popular Lego Robotics after school club. If you would like to sign your child up for this, then please see the flyer for further information.

Finally, I would like to wish you a safe and restful half term break. A reminder that children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November. We look forward to seeing you back then.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School