

**"it is not enough for children to be loved,
they must know that they are loved"**

19 April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back

I am delighted to welcome your child back to school for the start of the summer term. I hope that you and your family had a good Easter and were able to enjoy some of the fine weather together.

New Term

We are hoping that this will be the first term in over a year which is not disrupted by school closures due to Covid-19. Given the disruption of the past year it is particularly important that your child arrives to school each day ready to learn. Please support them with this by helping them to maintain good study habits, get regular exercise and adequate rest and to be well-dressed, properly equipped and punctual each day.

Covid-19 Safety Measures

The safety measures put in place before the Easter break remain in place. This includes the wearing of face coverings by students in classrooms and other indoor communal spaces, a rule which has been made mandatory under government guidelines until 17 May 2021 at the earliest. Please ensure that your child has a suitable face covering with them. Only students whose parents have provided evidence of a medical condition can claim exemption from wearing them.

Surge Testing in Wandsworth

You may have seen press coverage nationally and locally about surge testing in Wandsworth to try to identify cases of Covid-19 that have been caused by a new variant of the virus. In addition to the regular testing taking place all students (and members of their household) who attend schools in the borough have been asked to undertake a PCR test. We have been provided with a supply of these for those of you who have not yet been tested and details of how and when these will be distributed are being sent out with this letter.

Tutor meetings for children in years 7-10

This Thursday, 22 April 2021, there is an opportunity for those parents who would like to have a conversation with their child's tutor to do so online, via the SchoolCloud platform. Invitations to sign up for this have been sent out by the school. If you have not received yours and would like to book an appointment, please contact Ms Livsey-Barnes at school on 020 7924 8310.

Supporting our school community

Just a reminder that our website has a number of links to resources to help you to support your children and to look after yourself. You can find these [here](#). Our Chaplain Fr Saju is always happy to offer prayers for the intentions of students and their families and you can contact him by email at sjohn@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk. We meet regularly to pray together for our whole school community and are happy to include your intentions in our school prayers.

With very best wishes for a productive summer term.



Mr P Dunne
Headteacher

