



23rd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Weekly Update: 23rd November 2020

We hope that you are well and continuing to adapt to the 'lockdown' conditions. Please expect these weekly communications until the end of this second national 'lockdown' which is fast approaching on the 2nd December.

This letter offers an update in relation to some key areas. Since the last letter that we sent on Monday 16th November there has been a 'remote' Year 9 Parents' event. This took place on Wednesday, 18th November. Whilst there can be no substitute for a face-to-face meeting with school staff, nevertheless the technology seemed to work well overall and families were able to receive good quality feedback from teachers.

Thank you for keeping the school informed swiftly of any Covid-related matters so that we can respond in a timely manner and keep the school community safe, knowledgeable and alert. As per the last letter that we sent you, please pass on our appreciation to your child for their contribution to the collective effort to ensure the school can remain open. We have had no confirmed positive cases of a child contracting the virus since the last letter was written.

In this letter there is information about the following:

1. Parent Governor Vacancy
2. PTA – Christmas Hampers and Raffle
3. Anti-Bullying Week
4. STEMM Futures
5. Frequently Asked Questions

Parent Governor Vacancy

I would like to bring to your attention [this letter](#) regarding a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is a very important role and we welcome nominations, either for yourself or someone else, from suitably qualified individuals. Please do read the letter carefully as we are looking for a particular skillset. We would particularly welcome applications from parents/carers from the BAME community and/or those parents/carers with a disability as both groups remain under-represented on the Governing Body.

PTA – Christmas Hampers and Raffle

To collectively celebrate this year's lockdown Christmas the PTA is aiming to raise funds and treat families who find themselves experiencing hardship using a Christmas Hamper and raffle initiative.



To do this we are inviting all our Sydenham School families to give as generously as they can by sending in non-perishable items to create lots of lovely hampers. **Examples of items for hampers include:** chocolates, sweet or savoury biscuits, chutneys, jams, packaged minced pies and Christmas cakes, luxury cordials, stollen, edible Christmas decorations, fudge, gingerbread biscuits, mulled wine spices, deluxe tea or coffee and we are sure you will have lots of ideas too.

Items will be used to make 6 to 8 large hampers which we will raffle using an online raffle platform. Hampers will also be made for families experiencing hardship (so give as generously as you can, the more you give the more hampers we can make) which the school will allocate.

What do I need to do: Once you have your items ask the students in your household to bring them in to **Tutor Time** and put in the allocated box or bag. Items can be deposited all week from **Tuesday the 24th of November to Wednesday the 2nd of December**

Raffle Ticket Sales: You will be able to buy raffle tickets to win one of the lovely hampers from the **7th to the 21st of December**. Watch out for more information on this. Hampers will be delivered to the winners, socially distanced of course, by the PTA within the school catchment area. (outside this area you will be asked to collect)

Please note the collection, making of hampers and the delivery has been designed and planned to be Covid-19 Safe.

If you would like to join the PTA or attend the next PTA meeting on the 10th of December 7 – 8.30pm drop an email to: SydenhamSchPTA@gmail.com who will send you a zoom link.

Anti-Bullying Week

As you may be aware, last week was Anti-Bullying Week and students have been exploring the issues of empowerment, collective responsibility and positive relationships during tutor time and PSHE. The pictures below are of 7D performing a dramatic interpretation of the anti-bullying message.



STEMM Futures

STEMM Futures is a four-part webinar series for young people of Black African and Afro-Caribbean heritage in Years 7–13 who want to find out more about studying at university and their future careers options. To find out more, or register for any of the events, please visit [this webpage](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Finally, to access our Frequently Asked Questions, please [click here](#). These questions address the following topics:

- What should I do if my child has Covid-19 symptoms?
- What should I do if my child receives a positive Covid-19 test?
- What should I do if my child receives a negative Covid-19 test?
- What will the school do if there is a positive Covid-19 case?
- What are the behaviour protocols and expectations around the site?
- Can parents and carers visit the school site?
- What should I do if I am experiencing hardship linked to Covid-19?
- What are the school's attendance and punctuality expectations?
- What will the remote learning provision for my child be?
- What should I do if my child cannot log in to their account?
- What should I do if my contact details change?

Yours faithfully



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