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Dear Grange families,

In this New Year we will need a lot more than good luck and have to take great care of ourselves and people around us as the Covid-19 pandemic is not going away any time soon. Despite the pandemic, there is no better time to start afresh, dream big and embrace the crests and troughs of 2021 with a smile! **Wishing you and your families a very Happy, healthy and Safe 2021!**

Once again, we are finding ourselves in unpredictable times. Using the information from the survey, we have made plans and arrangements to support our children and parents as best we can. Following on from my last update on 30th December 2020, I'm now writing to give you further updates about the partial re-opening of Grange Primary School starting on Wednesday, 06th January 2021.

The school will only open partially for children of critical workers and those identified as vulnerable from the Government's list I shared with you on the 30th December 2020. The following details will give you some more information about our school arrangements and plans for the next two weeks.

Two Week Education Plan

At Grange Primary School we will be providing remote learning and in-school learning for our pupils. We will have some staff that will be in school doing face to face teaching and some staff working online to support those children who will be learning remotely from home. This will mean that over the next two weeks, children may be taught by the parallel teacher in the same year group.

If your child or children will not be attending school:

Remote Learning

Two-week Learning Plan: A two-week plan for learning at home is available online and from the school. If you have requested a printed pack, you will be given an allocated time slot to pick this up from school on Tuesday, 05th or Wednesday, 06th January 2021. If children are unable to engage in remote learning at home, then they should attend school. It is essential that all children return the learning pack to school at the end of the partial closure.

Communication

Group sessions with teachers: Teachers will be engaging with groups of children each day to check in, review and support learning and answer any questions children may have about any of the tasks using Microsoft Teams.

Contact with children: We feel it is particularly important to maintain contact with children who will be working remotely. Please make every effort to ensure that your child signs into Microsoft Teams daily. If your child does not sign in, staff will contact you via email or telephone to check in. Please expect communication from year group staff or our Safeguarding Team.

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Emails: Parents will be contacted via email/ Parentmail regularly. Parents can also email the school office on: office@grange.southwark.sch.uk directly to ask questions or if your child requires further support. Teachers will endeavour to respond on the day, during school hours, as far as possible. Please bear in mind that the staff will also be conducting the Teams meeting, making contact with children from both classes in the year group and preparing overview sessions for each day.

Story Telling / Reading: We will have a story telling / reading activity every day for EYFS and Year 1 and at least two-story sessions a week for children in year 2-6.

Assemblies: We will plan at least one assembly per week and parents will be sent the details of this via email. This will also be a recorded session to enable flexibility within children's daily timetable.

Devices: We will be contacting those families who have indicated that they need to loan a device from school. We will contact you on Tuesday, 05th January 2021 to arrange collection. If you require a laptop or device and have not yet requested one, please contact Mr Alan Brennan (Deputy Headteacher) directly. We have a limited number of devices to loan over the two-week period and priority will be given to those most in need. You must ensure that the device is used for remote learning only and is returned in the same condition it is given to you.

Food Parcels: Children who are in receipt of Free School Meals and who are not attending school in the next two weeks will be eligible to receive a food parcel. We will contact families directly to arrange collection. This is likely to be on the Thursday, 07th January 2021. If your child is not receiving FSM but you require a food parcel please contact Kim Edwards in the first instance by emailing the school office office@grange.southwark.sch.uk to discuss how we may be able to support you.

Those children attending school from Wednesday, 06th January 2021 (children of Critical Workers and or those identified as a priority by the Government or school.)

Breakfast and After School Clubs:

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer either of these services at the current time.

Start and Exit Times: There will be **NO CHANGE** to the start and exit times or the entrances for year groups. All children attending will enter and exit in the usual allocated areas and at the same set times. Unfortunately, we will not be able to facilitate parents/ carers entering the school premises to collect children. Children will be collected from the gates in the morning and brought to the gates when they are dismissed in the afternoons.

Teaching Staff: Children will be taught by year group staff and may not have their own class teacher all the time during the two-week partial opening.

Two-week education plan: Children will be following the same education plan as those who are learning remotely and will be supported by the teacher in class.

Lunch: Our catering staff will continue to prepare hot meals for our children attending school. Children will continue to eat lunch in designated areas in the lunch hall and in their year group bubbles.

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Health and Safety in school: We will continue with our cleaning schedules as before and we will have a cleaner on site during the day to clean touch points and surfaces throughout the day.

Hands, Face, Space (and ventilation): Children and staff will continue to be expected to maintain good hygiene including washing hands often. We will maintain social distancing in school and staff will be required to wear masks as far as possible when not in class. Hand sanitisers will continue to be available around the school, but we will always encourage soap and water first.

We ask that parents **PLEASE** adhere to the same measures when dropping and collecting children from school. We encourage parents to wear a mask and not to congregate in groups outside of school when collecting.

All plans and arrangements are regularly in review; any changes will be communicated to parents and carers. The next few weeks will be crucial for us as a National community but more importantly as a school community.

Please note that while this is a very challenging situation- we are not alone! We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and we will let you know by Parentmail or via text message.

This is as much as we know right now and we appreciate your continued patience as we deal with the very-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your families and that it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

And remember; if you or your child feels unwell and you want to know what to do next, please use NHS 111 online or 119.

Let us continue to work together and unite during these challenging times. Together we are truly stronger!

I wish all our talented children and their families good health and happiness in 2021.

Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Lorrain Black

Acting Headteacher

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