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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

In school the very small numbers of people in the building - with most people working in their own homes - is starting to feel more normal. But we are still a school, still St Saviour's, still a community; we are just operating differently for a little while. This week we have had our second governors meeting via Zoom, so all the usual business is still happening, just in different ways.

For those of you who had made contributions to school trips that have now been cancelled, the refunds through ParentPay have been processed today. If there are any issues with this, please email [office@ssso.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@ssso.southwark.sch.uk) and put 'ParentPay refund' in the subject line. Payments that were not made through ParentPay will be refunded by cheque. If your circumstances have changed in recent weeks, please do refer to Silver Linings 4 for instructions on how to apply for Free School Meals. Again, if you have any questions or issues with this, please email the address above and put 'FSM enquiry' in the subject line. We will get back to you as quickly as possible.

One group of key workers rarely mentioned are cleaners. In hospitals, in care homes and in schools, they are more essential than ever so when you are at your front door clapping and whistling this evening please think about our cleaners. They have not been working from home but have been in school making sure every part of the building has been deep cleaned and is prepared for when we can return.

I hope you enjoy the bank holiday and a long weekend. If, like me, you will be trying to spend less time looking at a screen, your family might want to make an extra 'thank you' rainbow picture. The girls who have been in school have made a couple of thank you posters which are in our windows and we would love to have many more around our school: thanking NHS and healthcare staff, and all of the people who have helped us all get through the challenges of these last few weeks. This includes cleaners, supermarket staff, transport workers, delivery drivers, teachers, social workers, and many more that I'm sure you will think of. Please post them to us and we will put them in school windows.

We are all eager to hear from the government today and on Sunday about their plans for lifting the lockdown. We have continued to make some preparations in school, and we will work with our colleagues across the borough to bring students back into school as soon as we safely can, in a manner that puts the safety of students and staff as the top priority. As soon as I am able I will communicate again on this matter.

In the meantime, teachers are making every effort to ensure that our students are provided with a high standard of learning at home; this has been a steep learning curve for all involved as we navigate the various technological tools available to mimic what would be provided in the classroom. We appreciate that whilst





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our students continue to work diligently, some will have struggled for a variety of reasons. Therefore, a survey will be sent out shortly to give students the opportunity to provide feedback on what has worked well so far and what areas have proved difficult; the responses will help to identify any further ways we can provide support. In addition, Reports of Progress for Years 7, 9 and 10 will be sent out shortly in the usual way. Please discuss this with your daughter and communicate with her Director of Learning if you have any questions or concerns.

Throughout this period of working and learning from home, two members of our staff have unexpectedly found themselves at the absolute centre of our new virtual operation. They are Mr Hays, Data Manager, and Mr Jenner-O'Shea, our ICT Technician. They have worked incredibly hard to support the huge increase in our use of ICT and the website, and I'm immensely grateful for their support. Perhaps as we take a little more downtime this bank holiday weekend we can all take a few moments to thank the people that we have noticed go the extra mile to support others at this time.

At the end of this letter there are all the 'Thoughts for the Day' and other inspirational quotes that Rev. Imogen has shared with our community each day this week. Thanks to her and to the staff and students that have suggested their favourite quotes to her. There will also be the second national school assembly today from the Oak Academy on the theme of 'Wellbeing' and the link to this is below. We will also shortly send out, and post on the website, an Easter season collective worship from our own Reverend Imogen.

I hope you have a restful weekend, and thank you for all you have done to support your daughter learning at home, and for playing your part in helping our city get safely through this challenging time.

With very best wishes, stay safe,

Catherine May  
Headteacher

## Prayers / Thoughts for the Day

'God is greater than the burdens you are carrying. Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you'.  
Pslam 55:22

'A good laugh and a long sleep are the two best cures for anything'. Irish Proverb.

'God can restore what is broken and change it into something amazing. All you need is faith'. Joel 2:25





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'You are not too dirty for God to cleanse. You are not too broken for God to fix. You are not too far for God to reach. You are not too guilty for God to forgive. And you are not too worthless for God to love.'

Bible verse suggested by Year 8 student.

## Supporting Links / Resources

### National School Assembly

Link to the second national school assembly can be found here: <https://www.thenational.academy/assembly>

### BBC Bitesize

Featuring a range of learning resources across a huge variety of topics:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

**Guidance on helping children with special educational needs and disabilities** learn at home can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

**Updated guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings** providing additional information on the support available for parents, online educational resources and support for vulnerable children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

**Every mind matters** – advice on supporting the mental health and well-being of children at this time can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/looking-after-children-and-young-people-during-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/>

