



Jessop Stockwell Federation
Lead Headteacher: Ms A.Parker

Tuesday 16th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are living in extraordinary times. Little did we think at the beginning of 2020, we would be where we are today. All of us whether we are parents and carers, teachers, support staff, working people or retired could not envisaged let alone predict the present events, and the effect on all of our lives.

From the very beginning of this crisis the school leadership has concentrated first and foremost on keeping its pupils and staff safe, and thereafter providing as much continuity to the education of its pupils as possible. The latter has been a very steep learning curve for everyone, and each school has had its particular demands and opportunities. This fundamental change in teaching practices, communications, new online technologies has stretched imaginations, resources and workloads, whilst at the same time coping with personal issues, concerns and trepidations. We believe the response of our staff to events has been extraordinary.

We are aware that some of our parents and carers would like to see further development on the provision the Federation is making available, in the form of on-line teaching and opportunities for pupils to have a chat forum. Without doubt we have not managed to cover all aspects of the education or personal interaction that our pupils are missing, and there is little doubt that other schools have adopted different strategies which have delivered different outcomes. We will endeavour to learn from other schools and from the input from our parents and carers. We will learn from the input you provide and implement changes.

At present as a Board of 12 governors, we have 6 governors with children/grandchildren at the schools, one previous pupil, and 3 staff members watching and providing feedback. Please be assured that the Board is provided with a Strategic Risk Assessment and this is reviewed. The Chair and two governors have visited the schools during school hours since the Y6, Y1, and Reception have returned, and visited classrooms and been on the gate at the end of the day.

The Chair and the LHT, Andrea Parker, attends Lambeth online meetings at least once a week to be updated on the latest developments and compare notes with other schools.

Best wishes,

On behalf of the Governing Board,

Chair of Governors, Rodney Lenthall



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