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Dear Families,

It's been great to welcome all of our students back this week and I've been particularly impressed with how well all year groups have applied themselves to all aspects of their schooling. In my communication at the end of last term, I alerted all families to our expectations around the learning behaviours we expect from all students across all key stages. Particular reference was made towards the basic equipment that all students are expected to have in their possession on a daily basis. I am happy to report back that most students have attended school this week meeting these expectations which are as follows; as a minimum, all students must have at least <u>2 blue or black pens, a pencil, ruler, eraser, sharpener and mathematics equipment.</u>

A scientific calculator, colouring pencils and highlighters are also strongly recommended.

As highlighted in my previous correspondence our aim is that every student will have all of the equipment listed above, we have therefore made significantly reduced stationary cases with these items included available through Parent Pay priced at £6.00. The scientific calculators are sold separately at £10.00 each.

All items purchased through Parent Pay will be available for collection at Student Services. Please get in contact with us through <u>admin@lns.org.uk</u> if you have any questions, or need support purchasing the required equipment.

Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022

As you may already be aware there will be **an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. As this date falls within the Summer Half Term holiday already set, all schools nationally have been asked to reduce the teaching year by one day elsewhere in the school year. As a result, I would like to bring to your attention the changes to the start of the summer term:

- Tuesday 19th April 2022 School Closed to staff and students
- Wednesday 20th April 2022 INSET (School closed to students)
- Thursday 21st April 2022 All students return to school for the start of the summer term.

New Guidelines for the management of Covid 19

The government has once again updated it guidance for the management of Covid 19 in our communities. I have attached a summary that has come via Lambeth LA. You will notice that some of the legal restrictions have been removed, however we will still ask families to keep pupils at home following a positive test result, avoid contact with others for 5 days and then test on days 5 and 6. Negative results on days 5 and 6 mean your son or daughter can return to school – ALL pupils can return to school after day 10 as long as they are NOT displaying symptoms.

For those parents who make purchases via Amazon please support the school by going to Amazon Smile (https://smile.amazon.co.uk/) which will then allow you to nominate a charity, to which Amazon will make a donation per each transaction. This is at no cost to you and Amazon Smile has the same offer as Amazon in terms of its goods and services. Our school has charitable status and we distribute our funds to support our pupils – additional donations will help our students visit the docks and extend their sporting opportunities - the charity is "*The London Nautical School Fund*" selecting us as your nominated charity will be enormously helpful to the school and our students.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and please contact us at admin@lns.org.uk if you have any questions and check our website lns.org.uk for updates.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr. M Schofield Headteacher

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Changes for educational settings in the living with Covid guidance. Main guidance to be published on 24/02/22

Testing for most schools	 no longer recommending regular testing for pupils and staff without symptoms
Testing for SEND schools	 Regular testing is still advised for specialist special educational needs and disability (SEND) settings, alternative provision, and SEND units in mainstream schools or the equivalent in colleges
Self-isolation following positive test	 End to the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Advice: Adults and children continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days or 10 days has elapsed
Contacts	 no longer asking fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days and routine contact tracing will end Unvaccinated contacts no longer asked to self-isolate
Symptomatic individuals including staff and pupils	 If a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, the public health advice remains unchanged and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result
Prevention of spread in schools	 Ventilation with CO2 monitors Vaccination Hygiene measures
Main guidance	The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will publish updated guidance on 24 February