



## Southern Road Primary School

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Friday 29th January

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope all of you are keeping safe and well during this tricky time. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout and in particular in the way you have been aiding the children's learning at home.

Inevitably, the switch to home learning was always going to bring its challenges, but it is important to remember that this is new to many of you and many of the staff. You will see that the teachers are finding new ways to support the pupils since we began this process just over 3 weeks ago. We will continue to refine and improve as we move forward.

We are incredibly proud that we are able to provide a device to every child that needs it to support their home learning. I, along with the governors, took the decision to make this huge financial investment back in March last year. Speaking to other Head teachers I know that this is a decision they wished they had also made. In the Newham School community we support each other where we can and so with this, we have also been able to lend some devices to other schools that so desperately need them for their families.

You may have heard the government announcement that schools will remain closed until the **8th March** at the earliest. I know for many of you this was not the news you were hoping for. What I can say is that you children will continue to learn and they will continue to make progress. I will update you as soon as I know more. Key worker and vulnerable children will continue to attend school.

The announcement also confirmed that half term will take place as normal. **School will be closed for all pupils** and there will not be any remote learning during this time. We want the children, staff and their families to take a well earned rest. To confirm, the last day of term is **Friday 12th February**.

Kind regards,

Gavin MacGregor

Headteacher