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Dear parents,

Welcome to the summer term. There is very little news to bring you as you will know from the recent official government briefing, the coronavirus lockdown will continue for at least another three weeks. The position therefore remains that schools should only reopen when the scientific evidence is clear that it is safe to do so. Safe for pupils, safe for staff and safe for parents. In the meantime, due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, schools, colleges and childcare providers will remain closed until further notice, except for children of critical workers and vulnerable children. Schools will only re-open when the scientific advice indicates it is safe to do so.

If children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Up to date guidance on school closure can be found by following the link below:

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

Admissions

One instance of normality was Primary National Offer Day that continued as expected on 16 April 2020. Congratulations to those who were offered a place for their child. If you were unsuccessful, please follow the guidance on the school website by following 'school information > admissions'. The dates are remaining in place but plans are being put into place to organise this process remotely.



Scam

The local police have forwarded the following scam warning to local schools. Please be vigilant as criminals are still criminals, even during a time of national emergency:

Subject: Tesco Important Notification

Dear Customer,

TESCO is giving you a chance to shop for free this COVID-19 season at any of our outlets or online by giving out free vouchers.

This offer is for All users and it will be on until the end of April 2020.

To Qualify, follow the link below and input all the details required

[*Click here to Register*](#)

After validation, if selected your voucher will be sent via text message or posted to your Mailbox.

Thanks for taking part, The Tesc0 team

Prayer

Today's prayer is a lovely petition to Our Lady from the London Oratory.

Prayer to the Immaculate heart of Mary

In the Immaculate Heart of Mary I trust.

Look to the Star,

Call upon Mary!

In danger, in difficulty

or in doubt,

think of Mary,

call upon Mary,

Keep her name on your lips,

Never let it pass out of your heart.

Following in her footsteps,

you will not go astray:



*praying to her,
you will not
fall into despair:
thinking of her you will not err.
While she keeps hold of your hand,
you will not fall,
you will not grow weary,
you will have no fear.
Enjoying her protection,
you will reach the goal.*

I would once more like to extend a huge thank you to the many parents who continue to tell me how much they appreciate what our school is doing at this time of national crisis. I am very proud of our teachers, support, office and site staff who are keeping the school operating in its reduced form, and ensuring that learning is continuing to happen for all our pupils at St George's through DB Primary. We will keep parents updated as regularly as possible.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr P O'Rourke
Headteacher