



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

You may be aware of the news that the government is discussing the possibility of another two-week lockdown to curb the spread of the virus. I would like to give full details of how the school will respond but as I am sure you are aware I am unable to do so as of 5.00 pm today. Please rest assured that the teachers and staff have everything in place for online learning, should the school close again.

### Class Mix Up

At this time of year, only teachers in Reception, Year 2 and Year 4, would begin planning to mix up the year groups as we don't do this for every year group. However, due to the lack of mobility and opportunities for the children to connect with others in their year group this year, all year groups will be mixed up at the end of this year.

The reasons for this reallocation of the student's classes are based on:

- Balancing ability levels, gender and nationality
- Balancing support needs and behaviour
- Balancing potential mobility
- Develop wider friendship and working groups
- Creating a connection to a Year Group, not just a class

The first step in the process will be for the children to identify other children they want to have in their new class. This is something I would encourage you to discuss with your child.

The teachers then meet and use the following criteria to put the new classes together.

- Friendships – all children to move with at least two friends
- A range of ages, nationalities, gender and abilities

### SCIPS Got Talent

SCIPS Got Talent is often a highlight of the year where the children showcase a wide variety of talents. The competition will be open for children in Years 1-6, and all the children will have heard about it in assembly this week. These acts could be any talent they have, e.g. juggling, magic, dancing, gymnastics, singing, playing an instrument etc.

Children can perform individually or in a group, but it must be with children within their year group. If they wish to take part, they need to inform their teachers by Wednesday 12th May. Information will be posted on Google Classroom.

Good luck to all children participating. Encourage them to get practising. We look forward to seeing all their talents!

### School Photographs

A reminder that these will take place from Wednesday 6th - Tuesday 11th May. A schedule will be sent out to you to know which day your child has their individual and class photography. There will also be opportunities for siblings to have photographs together as well.

School is open tomorrow, and I will communicate any further updates as soon as they are announced. All updates will be posted on Skoolbag.

**Martin Towse**