



# JULIAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the recent devastating attacks in Manchester and London we have felt the need to write to you to offer our assurances that we are doing all we can at school to keep our children safe. The recent events can be upsetting and worrying for children to think about and it is important that we help our children address the concerns and fears they may have.

Children are exposed to news in many ways and at school we are not always aware of how much the children know or understand. We work hard at school to listen carefully to the children's fears and worries and try to offer reassurance where we can. In Key Stage 2 we provide additional circle times in response to upsetting events and in Key Stage 1 we discuss issues with individual children or classes as the need arises. We ensure we stick to the facts and remind children that there is more good than bad, with a focus on the importance of love, tolerance and hope.

We feel it is vital that we continue to educate the children in accordance with our school values and an integral part of this is the importance we place on educational visits and visitors to the school. All our educational visits will therefore go ahead as planned. These include:

Year 1 – **London Eye/River Cruise** – 30th June, 3rd July, 4th July, 5th July and 6th July

Year 3 – **Kew Gardens** – 27th June, 28th June, and 29th June

Year 5 – **Royal Observatory** – 17th July and 19th July

Year 6 – **End of year celebration** - 19th July

We are also putting additional safety measures in place to strengthen risk assessments which are routinely drawn up before any educational visits. These include:

- Higher adult: child ratios where necessary
- Vinyl wrist bands with school contact details for all children in addition to high visibility jackets
- The identification of 'safe places' near educational visit destinations (pre-planned places we can take children to in the event of an emergency)
- Continued liaison with Lambeth and the Police

Should the threat level be raised to critical (as it was after the incident in Manchester), any educational visits would be postponed or cancelled during that time.

We are reviewing our emergency policies and procedures so that staff, children and parents/carers continue to be kept safe both inside and outside school.

If you have any particular concerns that you would like to discuss further, please contact Alison, Sarah or Becky.

Kind regards

*Alison Moller, Becky Coburn & Sarah Wilson*

