



# David School Messenger



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## A Letter from David

Dear Friends,

It is some time since you received news from the school and I would like to take this opportunity to update everyone on the current situation.

As a former British Protectorate, many arrangements remain similar to ours, including school terms. The summer term ended last week and the school will reopen in September.

Children are being fed at lunch times on school days which leads to almost 100% attendance.

National and internal exams have been completed and we await results. Good grades are necessary for pupils to be allowed promotion to the next year.

The Trustees are in regular contact with the staff and feel confident that their positive team effort is benefitting the pupils.



JSS3 taking mock BECE exams in newly tiled outdoor area



Putting in new drains

Heavy rain has caused problems with some slight damage to the foundations of the main building. Major repairs to the drain have been completed thanks to £4000 from **Rotary District 1145** and **Rotary Club of Guildford District**. The foundations are now well protected from damage.



The new guttering

**Covid-19** has caused some disruption to the operation of the school with periods of social distancing which has meant some children going home on a rota basis. Sadly things have become worse over the last few weeks.



Soap ready for shipping

Our priority now is to send supplies to help maintain the health of our pupils and teachers. Thanks to considerable donations from the Girdlers Company, Ramsey Rotary, and other supporters, we have soap, hygiene products and sanitary wear, which we are able to ship. Containers leave the UK every three weeks, and total transit time is around four weeks.

There is now a state of emergency in the Western area which includes the school and Freetown, the capital city. There is a night curfew and travel restrictions are in place.

You will have read our government has placed Sierra Leone on the red list for travel and The trustees cannot visit. We last went in October 2019, as the trip planned for March 2020 was cancelled by the airline.

**On behalf of the Trustees, staff and pupils may I thank everyone for their continuing support which is even more crucial at this time.**

David

