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Update -19th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to start this update to say that I hope that you are all safe and well and to wish what I hope will be a better year. I want to thank you for your continued support during this difficult time and I am committed to ensuring the communities I serve have the best education and support possible.

Who is school open to?

School, as you know, is only open to children that have Education Health Care Plans, 1:1 support, vulnerable families and key worker families. We are also bringing in children who are not accessing education remotely.

Is the nursery open to everyone?

Following government guidance, nursery is open to those families that want to send in their children. Please contact the office first if you would like your child to join nursery. We are continuing to offer online support to parents keeping their children at home during the pandemic.

When will school open up again to all children?

We are unsure when the government will decide it is safe to open up the wider school. We will keep you informed by the website and text messages as soon as we know. The current restrictions are in place till 31st March however this may be reviewed and depends very much on the vaccination programme.

Online learning

I am really proud of how well you have worked with your child and the school to ensure your child continues to access their education. I want to thank my staff who are working tirelessly to teach live lessons and chase up the final few families that need support with devices and the internet to access education for their children.

Look how well we are doing. There are still just a few families that we need to reach out to to ensure their children continue to thrive during the lockdown and connect in with their school community as much as possible.

Year Group	No of children accessing learning either in school or online	
Year 6	6F = 22/24	6N =22 /23
Year 5	5P = 29/30	5A = 28/30
Year 4	4I = 26/30	4G = 28/30
Year 3	3H = 27/29	3Z = 28/30
Year 2	2M = 26/27	2H = 25/26
Year 1	1C = 28/29	1F = 26/29
Reception	RF = 27/29	RP = 27/28

Staff will continue to make up resource packs for your children to use at home. Please ensure you adhere to social distancing when collecting these.

My child is sick and can't access the learning online .

Please contact the school office and inform the office team if your child is too ill to access online learning.

I need a device and my data keeps running out.

If you need to borrow a school device or need access to the internet please contact the school office as we can offer a number of options. We can even apply on your behalf for unlimited access to the internet if you are accessing one of these suppliers: EE, O2, Sky Mobile, SMARTY, Tesco Mobile, Three, Virgin Mobile, Vodafone. We need the following details to complete a request for you.

- your child's full name
- your child's class
- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device (a number starting with '07')
- the mobile network of that device (for example, Three)
- whether you are on a Monthly contract (e.g. you pay a monthly direct debit) or Pay as You Go deal (e.g. you top up your credit as you need to)

What is happening in regard to food parcels and food vouchers?

I am pleased to inform you that from Friday 22nd of January we will be moving towards sending out food vouchers for those parents identified as eligible for fsm. If you have any concerns around receiving your voucher please contact Hannah Cleland on: 07891181367.

Staying in touch

Office staff will continue to work in the school office everyday so if you do need any advice or support or are struggling to cope please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

Reading Target

I have set the challenge to my teachers to really ensure out of this lockdown our pupils come out of it as better readers. I have asked them to drop in independent reading tasks for the pupils to read so that they continue to keep on reading.

We don't have any books at home. What can I do?

Teachers are happy to make up reading packs for children. Please contact the school office to request your child's reading packs.

Newham Libraries are open

Borrowing items from Newham Libraries

During Lockdown you will be able to borrow books, DVDs and CDs using our Select & Collect service. You will be able to order items in advance and pick them up at the library of your choice. Reserve and/or order specific items either online or by calling your library.

Ready Reads

Order a bag of books carefully selected by the library team. You can choose by genre or topic or even a Lucky Dip Bag. Bags will also be available for children and teenagers. Call your local library and we will prepare the bag for you.

Blind Date

Our library team will select fiction titles that they have loved and hope you will enjoy. It might be one of our brand new books, one of our favourites or one of those classics you've always meant to read. Call your local library and tell them how many blind dates you'd like!

To search the library catalogue for items to reserve go to www.newham.gov.uk/libraries

If you'd like to place your reservation by phone, or would like to order a Ready Reads bags or a Blind Date then call your library directly (numbers below).

Canning Town Library - 020 3373 0854
Mon-Sat 10am - 5pm

Custom House Library - 020 3373 0855
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Sat 10am - 6pm

Website

I will be using the website to add any useful links that may support you. Remember staying at home may be difficult but you are helping to protect yourself and others by doing so.

Wellbeing

During assemblies we will be looking at the 5 NHS tips to wellbeing.

Learn!	Be Active!	Give!	Take Notice!	Connect!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- read- work hard- do puzzles- play an instrument- try something new	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- walk- run- play outside- play sports- ride a bike- move your body	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- help somebody- say something kind- do a good deed- be a good friend	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- draw or paint- enjoy nature- keep a feelings journal- listen to music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- make new friends- talk to someone- laugh- do fun things together

If you notice that your child is struggling to cope or have any concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with the office who will ensure the safe guard leads get in touch with you.

For further support click on the following links.

<http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/>
<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Routines

Routines are extremely important to everyone's well being. Please ensure your child continues to go to bed at a time needed for their age; that they eat at regular times during the day; they are dressed and ready for learning and that they do not spend all their free time playing online games.

Newham Educational Psychology Service

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries).

The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 40 minutes.

Please note these are stand-alone, one-off sessions that do not result in follow-up work. They are free sessions and open to all parents and carers of Newham children and young people. There is no criteria or threshold to access these sessions.

Sessions will operate monthly on:

Tuesday 26th, Jan 23rd Fe, 23rd March 2021

To book a session between 10am and 12 email or phone sarah.parkinson@newham.gov.uk 07976 733536

RHSE Relationship, Health and Sex Education

As I am sure you are aware, RHSE is compulsory from September 2020 and we aim to start teaching our RSHE curriculum from the summer term of 2021. I will be adding to the website information around what we must teach now as a statutory requirement. The purpose behind this change is to keep your children safe and informed. If you do have any concerns do please complete the google form. When we come to teach this in the summer term we will continue to inform you and offer you a session on what we will cover and the material we will use. I will place it on the homepage of the school website and aim to do this by Monday 25th January.

Is it too late for my child to receive the flu jab?

It's not too late to join thousands of parents who already got their children vaccinated for the seasonal flu. Have questions on how the flu vaccine protects your child and family? Contact us at newham@vaccinationuk.co.uk

Did your child miss out on the flu vaccine?

Book your child's appointment today

1. Call to book an appointment 0208 214 1393 or 0208 214 1394
2. Include your child's full name, DOB, Class, School and vaccine preference (spray or injection)
3. Wait to hear from us to finalise details of your appointment

I am thinking of you all and your children. I am confident our community will rally around and support each other during these challenging times. As always thank you for your ongoing support.

Keri Edge, Kelly Jones and Hannah Cleland.