

## WELCOME BACK!

We would like to thank parents for supporting your child's return back to school on Thursday and making a great start to the academic year.

Pupil attendance in the first week of September is usually 85 - 90%. Pupil attendance for the last 2 days has been 89% with 3 Classes having 100%. This is truly impressive and is likely to be one of the highest in the borough.

The strong support from parents and the school community has been amazing. Please be vigilant and always follow the risk assessment that has been attached.

## CANDO WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

The CANDO meetings will take the form of a workshop based on an issue affecting children's learning. It is vital that all parents attend the CANDO this term.

Below are the dates for the CANDO and we request that both Mum and Dad attend the selected sessions.

Autumn term - September 2020	
Monday 7 September	Year 6, Poppy & Orchid
Tuesday 8 September	Year 5, Hyacinth & Violets
Wednesday 9 September	Year 4, Crocus & Hydrangea
Thursday 10 September	Year 3, Ivy & Tulip
Friday 11 September	Year 2, Rose & Geranium
Monday 14 September	Year 1, Camellia & Honeysuckle
Tuesday 15 September	Reception, Bluebell & Daffodil

CANDO time slots have been sent out with pupils. Reply slips must be completed and returned by the date requested.

## MEDICATION

Please ensure that your child's medication is in school. Thank you to all parents who have done so already.

## ONE-WAY WALKING SYSTEM

We have implemented a one-way system outside the school to help preserve social distancing rules. Kindly follow the direction of the arrows when dropping off and picking up your children. Thank you for helping keep the children and school community safe.



## NURSERY ADMISSIONS

If you have a child aged 3 to 4 years old and looking for a school place, we request that you contact Tower Hamlets Admissions 020 7364 5006 who may be able to help and support you. You can also visit the Tower Hamlets website for more information.

## BRIGHT MINDS AND LIFESKILLS 20-21

The school will be offering Bright Minds to all pupils in Years 4,5 and 6 from September to try and help minimise any learning gaps due to children being out of school for 5 months.

The pupils will start school at 8:00AM on Tuesdays to Fridays. Bright Minds and Life Skills will start from Wednesday 9 September.

Children will use the main entrance from 8:00AM onwards. Children who arrive at 8:45AM onwards will go to GATE 5. Children arriving after 8:10AM will sit outside the school office.

## SCHOOL BOOKBAGS

Book bags are available to purchase from the school office for £4 on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00AM - 2:00PM.



It is important parents have the exact amount in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class. Please note that book bags will be handed to the pupils during school hours.

## LEARNING MINDS

The school will be starting a new initiative - 'Learning Minds' for pupils in Year 1, 2 and 3. A member of staff will give additional support to selected pupils. These support sessions will be immediately after school, 3:30 to 4:30 PM and will be free of charge.

## PUPIL ABSENCES

A small number of parents have not sent their children back to school. We expect all children to be in school by Monday 7 September 2020. The school may have no option but to follow government guidelines and issue fixed penalty notices to children who do not attend school or have unauthorised absences.

## LIVEABLE STREETS SHADWELL PROGRAMME

Liveable Streets will be running multiple online group workshop sessions for residents and business owners. These sessions will be a series of co-design workshops discussing design improvements including traffic, cleaner streets and greener areas in Shadwell.

If you would like to reserve your place, please visit the link below and register by midnight on Sunday 13 September.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/liveable-streets-shadwell-co-design-workshops-tickets-117650891985>

The sessions will be as follows:

- Thursday 17 September, 6:00PM-7.30PM
- Saturday 19 September, 1:00PM-2:30PM
- Wednesday 23 September, 6:00PM-7:30PM

## VACANCY

The school has a vacancy for a Lunch Assistant to start from September 2020. For more information, please visit the school website.

<https://biglandgreen.towerhamlets.sch.uk/vacancies/>



## DRESS CODE - RIGHT-LEARNING MODE

Children can wear comfortable clothes and suitable trainers. There is no need for uniform. However, if you wish, they can come to school in uniform.

Pupils must be in appropriate footwear as there will be PE related activities. Try to wash clothes regularly and if possible, ensure a change of clothes each day.

Kindly note that sandals are not allowed due to health and safety reasons.

## LABELLING YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES

During the autumn period children need to bring more items of clothing to school to protect them from the cold. Please ensure that your child has a coat and all items of clothing that are labelled with your child's full name in permanent ink. Permanent markers are available in the school office.



## DINNER MONEY - NURSERY

Dinner money for the nursery classes are collected every Monday morning at 9:30AM - 11:00AM.

Weekly dinner money is £9.50 and fortnightly it is £19.00. The correct change must be sealed in an envelope and posted outside the school office into the wall-mounted post box. Kindly clear any outstanding balance at the end of each week.

## HOMELEARNING PACKS

Home-Learning letters have been given to all pupils from Yr2-Yr6 today. Please return the letter with the correct amount to the school office by 11 September. Kindly avoid coming to the school office during 8:45AM-9:15AM and 3:15PM-3:45PM.

Samples will also be available during the CANDO meetings. The packs will be given to your child during the week beginning 14 September 2020.

We request that all parents purchase a pack to support their child's learning.

## PUPIL COLLECTION BEFORE HOMETIME

The school office will need to be informed latest by 3:20PM to ensure messages can be taken to the classes. Parents will need to provide the person collecting with a password. The person collecting will be required to give the password to the staff member who is releasing the child. Password needs to be simple e.g. 'cabinet', or 'sunny' but cannot be your child's name or address.

Quote for  
the Week

**"Great things never came from comfort zones"**

# Summary Risk Assessment

The school's full risk assessment is 34 pages long and outlines the actions for minimising the risks posed by COVID-19. The school has produced a summary risk assessment with the key actions to be taken by (a) governors, (b) staff members, (c) pupils, and (d) parents.

Below are the key actions for pupils and parents. Parents are reminded to only walk towards Watney Market on the pavement close to the school and use the other pavement for walking towards Cannon Street Road. The road can also be used while we have the temporary closure in place.

	<b>Pupils</b>	<b>Parents</b>
Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils to be encouraged to maintain social distancing of 1m+ with other pupils who are not in their SWAN/ Year groups.</li> <li>No routine temperature taking of pupils at school gates but any pupil having a temperature of 38 degrees or above to be monitored carefully in the medical room.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain social distancing at all times including when dropping and collecting children from school.</li> <li>Do not send children to school if they have a temperature. Check temperature in school, if needed.</li> <li>No parents allowed in the building in the first half term without an appointment or invitation.</li> <li>Parents who live locally to walk to school. No parking on Bigland Street.</li> </ul>
Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pupils to be taught how to wash their hands with soap and water.</li> <li>All pupils to wash hands on entering school and before leaving for home.</li> <li>Hands to be washed before and after lunch time, and after each activity..</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All parents to ensure that they and their child/ren wash their hands before they leave for school and as soon as they get home.</li> <li>Frequent hand washing should be part of the routines at home.</li> </ul>
Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils to be reminded of good hygiene practices.</li> <li>Limit carpet time in classes.</li> <li>Classes in Year group bubbles.</li> <li>Playtime in Year groups.</li> <li>Lunch time Year groups sitting on two ends of the hall.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminding children of good hygiene practices.</li> <li>Washing hands frequently.</li> <li>Sneeze on a tissue or the sleeve.</li> <li>Catch it, bin in, kill it.</li> </ul>
Introduce enhanced cleaning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pupils to be taught to clean their own learning spaces.</li> <li>Pupils to be mindful when using communal spaces/facilities e.g. toilets, playground.</li> <li>Children to attend school in comfortable clothes and footwear to safely engage in all activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children to dress comfortably for school.</li> <li>Wear trainers or plimsolls but no sandals.</li> <li>Children's clothes to be washed regularly and changed daily if possible.</li> <li>Provide a change of clothes to children who are likely to have accidents (in EYFS or KS1).</li> </ul>
Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No swimming in Autumn term.</li> <li>No trips or visit in the first-half-term in Autumn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use the designated gates to drop and collect children.</li> <li>Ensure emergency contact details are up-to-date.</li> <li>Collect children from school ASAP when asked to do so, particularly if they are not well.</li> <li>Act promptly on the advice given by the school and/or health professionals.</li> <li>Encourage Year 5/6 to walk home by themselves.</li> </ul>
Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comfortable, normal clothes or uniform but please change clothes every day.</li> <li>No change of clothes for PE.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure your child has any medication that they need with clear written instructions.</li> <li>Avoid unnecessary exposure outside the school.</li> </ul>
Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inform the school if anyone in the household/family have symptoms of coronavirus.</li> <li>Inform the school of any visits/trips during weekend by your family.</li> </ul>
Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooperate with the school when dealing with difficult situation.</li> </ul>
Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooperate with the school when dealing with difficult situation.</li> </ul>