

PARENT CONFERENCES IN FEBRUARY

In February parents are provided with the Progress Report for their child. Due to the constraints imposed by Covid-19, we are sorry that there will be no face-to-face meeting with teachers. The written reports will be sent home and parents who request will be provided with a short telephone conversation.

Parents are requested to make notes of the dates below as some of them are different from those published previously.

- Tuesday 22 February - parents will be sent the progress report with their children.
- Thursday 24 February - parents to request a short telephone conversation with a teacher should there be a need.
- Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March - short telephone conversations between teachers and parents 3:30 to 5:30 PM.
- There will be no early closure on 25 February as published previously. Children will finish school at normal time of 3:30 PM.
- Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March - there will be no after-school clubs or Learning Minds after school. Bright Minds before school will continue as normal.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES/LATENESS

Children are expected to be at school and on time unless they are unwell to attend school. Schools are required to inform the Local Authority of any unauthorised absences and/or persistent lateness. The Local Authority is responsible for issuing fixed penalty notices to both parents. Unfortunately, we have a number of families who are being issued with the fixed penalty notices.

We request that parents inform the school well in advance of any planned absences to avoid the issuing of fixed penalty notices. The school will do its best and try to authorise leave for exceptional circumstances provided it will not drop pupils attendance below 90%.

NEW LOOK SCHOOL BAG

The new look school bags are now available to purchase. Please use the link below which is also available on the ParentHub app to request all trade items including the new rucksacks. You will be sent a link to pay for the items. The trade items will then be delivered to your child's class within 2 working days. The bags are available to view outside the office.

<https://forms.gle/3p7Hr19pcRWzgsPU7>

Junior Bag (EY/KS1): £10

Senior Bag (KS2): £12



Bottle not included*

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 and you would like a nursery place for September 2022, you must apply online via the eadmissions portal. The closing date is 16 February <https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Education-and-skills/Admissions-and-exclusions/Admissions-2022/Nursery-prospectus-2022.pdf>

STAFF ON GATE & OTHER DUTIES

We are sorry that the school telephone may not be answered during the times below. Kindly avoid calling during these times as staff are on gate duty.



8:50 to 9:10AM



3:20 to 3:40 PM



ATTENDANCE FOR 10-14 JANUARY

Good attendance is 97% and above. Anything below needs improving. How is your child's class doing?

Sunflower	87%	Lavender	91%
Daffodil	93%	Bluebell	93%
Honeysuckle	95%	Camellia	90%
Geranium	95%	Rose	92%
Tulip	96%	Ivy	94%
Crocus	97%	Hydrangea	95%
Violets	97%	Hyacinth	99%
Orchid	98%	Poppy	94%
	Excellent		Needs Improving
	Good		Poor

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, then kindly telephone the school office before 9.30AM. Please inform us on the first day of absence **and** every subsequent day thereafter. Thank you to all the parents who are doing this already.

CORONAVIRUS IN THE FAMILY?

If there is a positive case of coronavirus in your household or family, then kindly inform the school office immediately via phone or email. Children who are not positive must attend school as normal.

However, all children aged between 5 and 18 years who have been in contact with a positive case are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 5 days and continue to attend school unless the child tests positive. Please do an LFD home test on your child, preferably 1-2 hours before school and submit the results to NHS through the link below. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/test-results/report-a-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result/>.

You will receive a confirmation on your mobile phone which you can show at the school reception before your child is taken into class.



Quote of
the Week

**“Keep your face always toward the sunshine,
and shadows will fall behind you.”**

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

All parents are required to wear a face covering when dropping and collecting children from school. Kindly maintain social distancing and avoid face-to-face conversation at close proximity. You can also do the following to stay safe:

- Get vaccinated
- Wash hands regularly
- Open windows, have ventilation
- Wear a face covering in crowded settings
- If you show symptoms, stay at home and do an LFD test

If you do test positive, you are required to isolate for five full days if you have a negative LFD. Please follow government guidance available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>.

If you are unable to do the LFD test at home, please contact the school office and we can advise you further.



DROPPING CHILDREN AT SCHOOL IN THE MORNING

This is a gentle reminder that parents are legally responsible for ensuring that their child is in a teacher's care before they leave the school premises. We have noticed that a few parents are asking their child to go by themselves into the classrooms in the morning while they wait on the street. The school will not be responsible for children's health and safety in such situation. We strongly request that parents ensure that their child is in the care of a teacher before leaving the school premises.

HALF-TERM CLOSURE AND TRAINING DAY IN FEBRUARY

The half-term closure is from Monday 14 to Friday 18 February. The school is also closed for children on Monday 21 February. We request families to plan any visits or trips during this closure to avoid pupils missing school during term time. Thank you for your support and cooperation.