



22nd March 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

Assalamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents/Carers

Our Mini BaccaLaureate Awards

We like to set very high standards at the Olive School Hackney so children, parents and teachers have something to aspire towards. When children meet these high standards, we like to reward them for their efforts. One of the ways do this is through our Mini BaccaLaureate Award.

This prestigious award was first bestowed to Year 3 pupils last year who had successfully met rigorous targets in Years 1 and 2. Following feedback from parents however, we have reviewed our Mini BaccaLaureate criteria and found that although they are aspirational, some criteria no longer apply (for example, targets for Maths and English no longer applied as they were based on Levels which were phased out by the government; the improving the school environment and enrichment criteria were difficult to implement given our school is split across two temporary sites etc.).

The Senior Leadership Team therefore felt the fairest thing to do would be to continue to have aspirational targets but with a view to fully implementing our new revised Mini BaccaLaureate criteria when we move into our new site. In the interim period, to reward **all** children and their parents for their dedication and commitment (when they reach the end of Years 2, 4 and 6), we will hold a special ceremony where both you and they can pose (in Mini Bac attire) for photographs. **Our current Year 3 will have their Mini Bac celebration on Wednesday 29th March 2017 in the hall at Cazenove Road at the following times:**

Ibn Sa'd: 9-9.45am

Ibn Ali: 10 -10.45am

Ibn Malik: 11.-11.45am

Yours Sincerely

Caterina Park
Head Teacher