



Diary dates

School re-opens 11th April normal time.

As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy Spring term with many activities and events for you and your child to take part in. We have had some amazing class assemblies which has proved very popular with parents.

Our term has ended with a fantastic Spirituality/Personal Development Day about the environment. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents and Governors get involved and participate in the event.

A huge thank you to all those who volunteered throughout the day to make our Spirituality/Personal Development day the success it was.

A huge thank you also to our staff and our Assistant Head, Moulana Amejee, who worked tirelessly to plan the event and make it an inspirational day. The children learnt a great deal about the environment and are still talking about all that they experienced.



Attendance

At The Olive Hackney, we are aspiring to achieve over 97% attendance each day.

I'm pleased to say that we are sustaining our target and our attendance to date is 96% although we have seen a steady decline in our attendance over the past 2 weeks.

All efforts should be made for your child to attend school every day and should only be absent from school if they are ill.

If your child is absent, members from the SLT team may visit you to encourage you and your child to come to school. Your child's school place may be at risk if your child doesn't attend school regularly.

Leave of Absence

We have 13 weeks of school holidays throughout the school year, please use these holidays if you would like to travel abroad to visit your relatives.

The school does not allow and will not authorise any term time holidays. Despite our policy there have been families who have taken their children out of school for an extended holiday—this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, you may be fined for each day of absence and your child's school place may be at risk.

Please adhere to our attendance policy, when your child joins the school you sign the school/home contract agreeing that your child will be in school unless they are ill. If you take your child out of school for a holiday you are therefore breaking that contract.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Boosters

Boosters will be continuing for all children during the Summer Term. Boosters finish at 3.20pm for year 1 and 3.30pm for Years 2 and 3 on Mondays and Tuesdays.

New Build Update

This week a meeting was held with the Local Authority. Due to some difficult issues which need resolving, the planning committee meeting will now be held in June. This has put a delay on the new build, which if the planning agreement goes ahead, should be completed by the summer 2018.



The major difficulty we are facing is the number of parents who drive to school to our current building. Because the majority of parents drive to school, Hackney believe that this will continue in the new building. The new site is on a red route with no possible drop off points—parents will have to think of alternative ways to get to school.

In order for the council to believe that we are serious about our new school, I urge you to come to school walking or using public transport if possible. You will soon receive a questionnaire about the method you come to school currently and how you propose to take your child to school on the new site.

Summer Term

As the summer term approaches I want to remind parents that there will be a push in their child's standard of learning.

Your child will come home with work that is tailored to their ability and will consolidate the learning taking place that week in class.

Please look at the home work given and encourage your child to complete it and hand it in on time to their class teacher.

There will also be workshops available for you to participate in during the summer term—dates will be sent to you with the subject matter. Please do attend as these workshops are informative and help to support your child's learning and welfare.

I wish you a peaceful and relaxing break and look forward to working with you again in the Summer Term.

Caterina Park

Principal

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