



As-salamu alaykum (peace be with you)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Olive School Hackney! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for all of the wonderful things we have in store for your children this year.

Over the summer holiday the builders have been very busy making sure that the New City College site (formerly the UTC) is ready for our children in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3.

Welcome to our new Reception children and parents, I'm sure your children will enjoy their learning experience at the school.

Important Information

Drop Offs at Cazenove

Years 4 and 6

Please ensure that Year 4 and Year 5 children are dropped off at the gate from the Mosque entrance on Cazenove Road. The gates open at 8.05am for parents and carers to wait in the mosque playground with their children until the school building opens. Staff will be on duty at 8.15am to ensure your children go to their classrooms safely.

Should you wish to leave a message for the class teacher, you can speak to the members of staff at the gate or at the office.

Year 5

Children should be dropped off at the Alkam Road entrance. The gates open at 8.15am . Staff will ensure that the Year 5 children make their way to their classrooms.

Drop Offs at the NCC site (formerly the UTC)

The gates will be open at 8.10 each morning to allow your children entry into the school playground—you must stay and supervise your children as staff are only on duty at 8.15am

Children in Reception can go straight into their classrooms from the playground as can the children in Year 1.

Children in Years 2 and 3 need to enter the school from the main entrance.

Please be aware that all doors to classrooms will close at 8.30am. If you arrive after this time, please sign your child in at the office.

Coach timings

These have been sent to all parents whose children have a place on the coach. The first 2 coaches depart at 8.00am and the second 2 coaches depart at 8.15am. If you arrive late for your coach you will have to make your way to the NCC site independently.

Coaches arrive on the common in the afternoon at approximately 3pm and 3.15pm.



10th Breakfast Club starts

17th Meet & Greet Yr 1,2 and 3

18th Meet & Greet Yr 4&5

19th Meet and Greet Year 6

24th Bikeability Week year 5&6

27th Book Fair

28th MacMillan Coffee Morning
9am Cazenove hall



Boosters and Enrichment Clubs

Booster and enrichment clubs will take place from Mondays to Thursdays starting from **1st October for children in years 4-6**. Children in Reception-Year 3 will receive weekly enrichment activities during the school day. We will be sending out more information about how your child can choose their enrichment for the Autumn Term at a later date.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to children from Reception to Year 6 at both Cazenove Road and the UTC. Due to the growing demand for this service we have set criteria in place in order to keep the numbers within a reasonable health and safety standard.

Breakfast Club starts at 7.30am, with breakfast served from 7.40am. Please ensure your child arrives before 7.50am in order for them to eat their breakfast before lessons begin.

If your child fails to attend breakfast club, their place will be taken away and given to the next person on the waiting list.



School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for school, including the correct PE kit. Please refer to our Uniform Policy in the Parents Handbook and our website for the correct items for school uniform. All items should be clearly labelled. We will be contacting you personally if your child is not wearing the correct uniform. Trainers and boots are not allowed in school.

Meet and Greet Meetings

We will be holding Meet and Greet meetings this half term. These meetings provide an opportunity for you to be introduced to the team working with your child. The teams will provide you with information about the curriculum and expectations.

There will be two meetings each day to allow for any travel between the sites.

Monday 17th September Year 1, 2 and 3 together at the NCC Hall 3-3.30pm and 3.45-4.15pm

Tuesday 18th September Year 4 & 5 together in the Cazenove Road Hall 3-3.30pm and 3.45-4.15pm

Wednesday 19th September Year 6 in the Cazenove Road Hall 3-3.30pm and 3.45-4.15pm

Water

We encourage children to keep hydrated throughout the day, especially in the hot weather. Although we now have water fountains in the playgrounds at Cazenove Road, please remember to provide your child with a bottle of water with your child's name on each day to drink during lesson times on both sites.



Traffic

A reminder to be considerate when dropping off and picking up your children on both the Cazenove Road site and at the Common. Please do not block other drivers and road users—only park where you know it has been permitted.

Please do not park in the way of the coaches on the Common—the coaches need to drop off and leave quickly so that they don't get a parking ticket.

Please do not park in or block neighbour's drives. If you are seen to do this or cause a disturbance you will be asked to meet with the Principal.

New City College (HUTC)

Please park away from the NCC building as there is no stopping outside on Basing Place. If you are seen using this road as a drop off point, your child may lose their place at the school as you are breaking the lease agreement between the school and the college.

Stunning Results!

The children at Olive Hackney have done it again! We have had another year with record breaking results!

92% of our Reception aged children achieved a Good Level of Development last year.

97% of children passed the phonics test in Year 1.

91% of children achieve the expected level in reading, 92% in maths and 91% in writing!



These are truly amazing results, higher than schools nationally.

Well done to all children, staff and parents who devoted their time and effort to achieve these wonderful results!

PE and Swimming



If your child is in years 4 , 5 or 6, please bring your child to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day. Please ensure that your child wears black jogging bottoms and the school jumper in case the weather is cold. Children should also wear the white school T-shirt under their school jumper. Children who do not wear the correct PE kit will not take part in the PE lessons.



Year 6 will take part in swimming lessons during the Autumn Term. We are hoping to start on Thursday 13th September, subject to confirmation, with the girls swimming first, the boys will swim after the Autumn half-term holiday.