Parent Bulletin

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Hadith of the Week

"Love for humanity what you love for yourself."

(Sahih Bukhari)

Update on New Building

A very important Hackney Planning Sub Committee meeting with local councilors took place this week on *Weds* 9th September 2020 to approve the school's travel plan and school management plan for our new building in Clapton. The meeting was attended by representatives of Olive School which included Abigail Evans (from HSP Consulting), Tanya Jordan (from RPS Group) and Babar Mirza, our Principal.

We are very pleased to announce that the Hackney Planning Sub Committee members unanimously voted in favour of approving both plans, which brings us one step closer to finally opening our new site in Clapton.

You can watch the full meeting by clicking on the link below: <u>https://youtu.be/gVa7AYqhuLs?t=7789</u>

Parent Meet & Greet

We will be holding our parent meet and greet sessions from next week. All meetings will be online using Zoom. Please make a note of all the dates/times for your meeting(s) and use the Zoom login details below to join the meetings:

- Tues 15th September 2020, 3:45pm 4:30pm Year 6
- Weds 16th September 2020, 3:45pm 4:30pm Year 5
- Thurs 17th September 2020, 3:45pm 4:30pm Year 4
- Tues 22nd September 2020, 3:45pm 4:30pm Year 3
- Weds 23rd September 2020, 3:45pm 4:30pm Year 2
- Thurs 24th September 2020, 3:45pm 4:30pm Year 1
- Here are the Zoom meeting login details for all the above meetings:Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84275835401?pwd=Q3g1cm9LMF NwdC9ZSGI1dUJFODI0Zz09

- Meeting ID: 842 7583 5401
- Passcode: 12345

During these meetings, you will have an opportunity to hear from your child's class teachers as well members of the senior leadership team including our Principal (Mr. Mirza).

Attendance Figures

The overall attendance from the start of term has increased to **92.1%.** Thank you to all pupils and parents who have made a huge effort to ensure they attend school every day. Here is the breakdown for each year group. Well done to Reception, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 who have the highest attendance so far. Our whole school attendance target for this year is **97.1%**

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	99.7%
Year 1	84.1%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	91.0%
Year 4	91.9%
Year 5	93.6%
Year 6	93.8%

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah), I very much enjoyed meeting more pupils, parents and staff this week. During my online assemblies and visits to most classes, I spoke to children about the hadith of the week and the importance of ithaar (being selfless). Congratulations on the wonderful news following the Hackney Planning Sub Committee meeting on Wednesday. Insha'Allah, we are getting closer and closer to having access to the new building. We are still aiming for Mon 2nd November 2020 (Reception and Year 1 pupils only), insha'Allah. Thank you for your ongoing patience. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all online during the Meet & Greet sessions. I shall be organising more Zoom sessions where you can ask me any questions. More details to follow soon. I pray you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Wa'assalam.

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Drop Off and Pick Up

A reminder to ensure that you arrive at your staggered drop off and pick up times and not too early or late. This will enable us to avoid too many parents queuing outside the school and waiting for long periods of time or blocking the pathway.

Drop off / pick up times for Cazenove Road: <u>https://bit.ly/2RgS8v6</u> Drop off / pick up times for UTC/NCC: <u>https://bit.ly/3hoSUAS</u>

Medication & Medical forms

A final reminder to send in your child's medication and signed medical form to the school. On this occasion, please do not try to hand in the medication or medical forms to the school office. Please hand these to your child's teacher or member of school leadership team at the school gate who will pass it on to your child's class teacher.

Lunch Menu

Here is a link to our school lunch menu: <u>https://bit.ly/3kbVcoE</u>

Remote Learning

All pupils were given an MS TEAMs login sheet today. The sheet provides your child with their unique login details for accessing their class TEAM. Please click on the following link to view the help guide: <u>https://bit.ly/3iv1vn6</u>

Please can all parents ensure that they have logged in and joined the class TEAMs for each child. All learning resources and recordings of lessons / assemblies will be available in each class TEAM.

Next week, we shall provide you with a Home Learning exercise book and another login sheet which will contain your child's unique login details of all the learning software we use in school. This will ensure that we are all fully prepared should there be a local lockdown or any pupil or teacher has to self-isolate.

National Teaching Assistants' Day

It will be National Teaching Assistants' Day on Wednesday 16th September 2020. We hope you will join us in saying a huge thank you to all of our learning coaches who contribute towards all aspects of school life and make Olive School such a wonderful place to learn and grow. Masha'Allah. May Allah (SWT) grant all of our learning coaches success in this life and in the hereafter. Ameen.

School Telephone Numbers

Some parents have reported having difficulties in getting through to the school office telephone line this week. Please accept our apologies. Please make a note of the school office telephone numbers below:

- Main telephone number: 020 7683 7436
- UTC/NCC telephone number (Line 1): 020 7613 8347
- UTC/NCC telephone number (Line 2): 020 7613 8391

What to do if your child displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

- 1. If your child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, the school will isolate your child from other pupils and staff and will call you to collect your child.
- 2. You must get your child tested and notify the school of the results as soon as possible.
- 3. You should refer to the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance</u> This sets out that you must:
 - self-isolate for at least 10 days
 - arrange to have a test to see if your child and other family members have coronavirus (COVID-19)

One key issue that has been a concern for many is the availability of testing sites in Hackney. We can confirm that there are currently two testing sites in Hackney:

- Yesodey Hatorah Girls' School Mobile Coronavirus Testing Unit, Egerton Road, N16 6UB on 6, 13, 27, 29, 30 September and 1, 18 and 25 October
- Bentley Road Car Park, London N1 4BZ which is open every day from 8am to 8pm.

We understand that these sites accept walk-in tests. You can also try to book a home test kit or a slot at either testing unit from 6pm the night before by calling 119 or going to <u>http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus</u>

<u>Jeans for Genes day</u>

We will be taking part in this year's Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 18th September.

1 in 25 children has a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult. That's one in every class. Simply by wearing our jeans and donating, we will change the lives of these children.

All children and staff are invited to wear their jeans on this day. We'd like everyone to take part so please send your child into school on the day wearing their jeans. We are asking each child for a contribution of £1, which can be paid through your ParentPay account.

If <u>you'd</u> like to find out more about how our support will help, please visit their website at **jeansforgenes.org**



Thank you for your support

