



## Hadith of the Week

***"Allah is kind and He loves kindness in all matters."***

*(Sahih Bukhari)*

## PE days

Please note the PE days for each year group below. All pupils should come to school in their full PE kit on their PE day.

Reception	Monday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Friday

## Update on Estates

Many of you are wondering about the move to the new build and BSix building. Here is the latest update received from the DfE:

### Lower Clapton Road (permanent site)

The Department for Education (DfE) and Star Academies continue to work with, and support, the contractor to complete the works by October in time for pupils in Reception and Year 1 to occupy the new building after the October half-term. However, this is subject to (a) successful completion of the remaining works, and (b) planning conditions that must be discharged prior to the school using the new building have been approved by the London Borough of Hackney.

### Brooke Road (BSix)

The Department for Education is in the process of re-procuring a contractor for the Brooke Road site. This is required as the previous contractor went into liquidation. The re-procurement is progressing and a target date for completing the works has been set for early on in the new year. However, this is subject to successful completion of the re-procurement and the appointed contractor confirming delivery of this programme, once it has a more detailed understanding of the outstanding works.

As a result, we are not expecting pupils in Years, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to be occupying the Brooke Road site until the February 2021 half-term at the earliest.

## Baseline Assessments

All pupils will take baseline assessment tests next week for Reading and Maths to help the school understand where all pupils are in their learning and to help the school to fill in any gaps in learning and support pupils to make accelerated progress through the year. Please ensure that your child sleeps early each night, has their breakfast in the mornings and is in school every day on time so that they are focused and ready to learn.

## School Book Bags & PE Bags

We currently have a limited supply of book bags and PE bags which will be sold before and after school at the school gate (both sites). More bags have been ordered. Book Bags: £5.00 P.E Bags: £3.00

## Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

Welcome back to school! Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah), I have enjoyed my first week at Olive School immensely. I would like to thank you for making me feel so welcome. I have enjoyed having conversations with many of you at the school gates or on the telephone. I look forward to meeting more of you next week.

It has been a great start to the year. We have made adaptations along the way to improve our routines every day. With 90% of pupils back in school, may I encourage the 10% of pupils who are not in school to return to school on Monday. The school is Covid secure and we are operating in strict bubbles with staggered drop offs, playtimes, lunchtimes, pickups and online assemblies. Children are happy to be back at school and are having so much fun learning! I pray you all have a safe and enjoyable weekend. Wa'assalam.

## Curriculum Newsletters (Autumn Term)

Class teachers from each year group have produced curriculum newsletters so that all parents can be informed about what their children will be learning this term. Please click on links below:

Reception: <https://bit.ly/3iWwVmG>

Year 1: <https://bit.ly/2Zd9kGi>

Year 2: <https://bit.ly/2Fc0QYE>

Year 3: <https://bit.ly/35dPPB8>

Year 4: <https://bit.ly/2Z7R8Oc>

Year 5: <https://bit.ly/3iVoIWT>

Year 6: <https://bit.ly/3bvWIPr>

## Drop Off and Pick Up

Please can you 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.

Please do not leave your child outside of the school. Please leave promptly once a member of staff has received your child at the start of the day and when you have picked up your children at the end of the day. Please avoid any unnecessary gatherings.

At the NCC site, please do not bring your car anywhere near the road in front of the school gates or park on double road markings, as your vehicle will be blocking the path for our school coaches. Thank you for your full cooperation and understanding.

## Spaces on School Coaches

We are pleased to announce that we have spare spaces on the school coaches:

- Year 2 – 4 seats
- Year 3 – 27 seats
- Year 4 – 4 seats
- Year 5 – 7 seats

We will only be offering these spaces to parents who have significant difficulty in dropping off / picking up their child to / from the NCC site. Here is a link to the application form:

<https://bit.ly/3iURFN8>

Completed forms must be submitted to the school office (via email) no later than Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Any forms received after this date will automatically be declined.

## Breakfast Clubs

Thank you to parents who have registered their children for the breakfast clubs on both sites. Whilst we have allowed a good number of pupils to attend on both sites, it must be remembered that both breakfast clubs are only for parents who are having significant difficulty in dropping off their child to school in the mornings.

A member of SLT (incl. Principal) will be checking all of the breakfast club registration forms next week and will contact parents directly if they have any questions about the content of the registration form.

All pupils who have not yet turned up for the breakfast clubs will be removed from the list by the end of this week.

## Attendance Figures

The overall attendance for this week was **90%**. Thank you to all pupils and parents who made a huge effort to ensure they attended school every day. Here is the breakdown for each year group. Well done to Reception and Year 6 who had the highest attendance this week:

Reception	99.2%
Year 1	84.7%
Year 2	89.9%
Year 3	86.3%
Year 4	87.7%
Year 5	86.6%
Year 6	93.7%

## Medication & Medical forms

If you have not yet sent in your child's medication and signed medical form to the school then please do so on Monday. 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.

## Parent Meet & Greet

All meet and greets with the class teacher will take place online this year.

- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 3:45pm – 4:30pm – Year 6
- Weds 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 3:45pm – 4:30pm – Year 5
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 3:45pm – 4:30pm – Year 4
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020, 3:45pm – 4:30pm – Year 3
- Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, 3:45pm – 4:30pm – Year 2
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 3:45pm – 4:30pm – Year 1

During these meetings, you will have an opportunity to hear from your child's class teachers as well members of the senior leadership team incl. Principal. We will send you further details on how to log into the online meetings in next week's parent bulletin.

## Senior School Leaders

We have attached a senior school leader to each year group. All queries about your child or their learning should go to the child's class teacher in the first instance. Any additional queries can go to the attached senior school leader.

- Reception – Summayyah Mukadam, Assistant Principal
- Year 1 - Summayyah Mukadam, Assistant Principal
- Year 2 - Umhera Jadoon, Assistant Principal
- Year 3 - Umhera Jadoon, Assistant Principal
- Year 4 – Manzarul Mannan, Assistant Principal
- Year 5 – Kimberley Barrett, Assistant Principal
- Year 6 – Anna Nou, Deputy Principal.

You may also wish to speak with the new Principal (Babar Mirza) who will be on both sites at different times of the week. A schedule of where Mr Mirza will be on each day is below. You will see him at the school gates every morning and afternoon.

Day	AM	PM
Monday	Cazenove	UTC/NCC
Tuesday	UTC/NCC	Cazenove
Wednesday	UTC/NCC	Cazenove
Thursday	UTC/NCC	Cazenove
Friday	Cazenove	N/A

## School office

Please note that due to Covid-19 precautions, the school office (both sites) is not open for parents to visit in person (accept new reception parents handing in their forms). All communication should be made via telephone: 020 7683 7436 or email: [info@olivehackney.staracademies.org](mailto:info@olivehackney.staracademies.org)

## Remote Learning

We are currently setting up our remote learning platform and you will receive communication next week with a special unique code to connect to the system. If there is a local lockdown, where possible:

- The normal school timetable will be delivered simultaneously via MS Teams to pupils in school and those isolating at home.
- Lessons will also be delivered through MS Teams in the event of a closure for a particular year group or the full school.
- MS Teams has been set up to mimic the school timetable. Pupils will be taught by their normal teacher in their normal class groupings for their normal number of lessons.
- In addition to online lessons, all subjects will use MS Teams to share resources, engage in subject dialogue and respond to queries.
- All pupils will shortly receive a pack containing their timetable, a guide to using MS Teams and the MS Teams code for all relevant classes.