

Parent Bulletin

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Hadith of the Week

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: **"None of you will have faith until he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind."** (Source: Bukhari)

New Building Update

Whilst we were expecting the practical completion and handover of the new school building today, it has once again been delayed by a few more days due to some tasks taking longer than expected. The new completion and handover date is now **Wednesday 28th October 2020**.

Staff have been working very hard this week not only delivering lessons and looking after their classes, but also packing up all resources into 500 crates and labelling furniture which will be moved to the new school building next week Tuesday and Wednesday.

All Reception teachers, Year 1 teachers, site staff and senior leaders will spend next Thursday (during holidays) unpacking and getting everything ready for our first day back on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Mr. Mirza (Principal) visited the new building again this morning and took parents on a LIVE walk around the local roads and inside of the school building via Zoom. If you missed it, then you can watch the full tour via the following link:

<https://youtu.be/UHcU5-Qzhf8>

Travelling Between School Sites

From 2nd November 2020, some of you will be travelling between sites. Mr. Mirza (Principal) tested the morning journey of dropping off children at Stoke Newington Common (Year 2, 3, 4 and 5), Cazenove Road (Year 6) and the new school building (Reception and Year 1) by walk and bus.

Please watch his journey; <https://youtu.be/AXL9yrpVcVw>

School Travel Plan

The Olive School is promoting sustainable and safe travel to and from its school and has prepared a detailed School Travel Plan. Click link to read the summary version: <https://bit.ly/35rTJVA>.

- It is strongly advised to check public transport times and routes at <https://tfl.gov.uk/plan-a-journey/> where there is live bus and tube travel information to help plan the school journey.
- Lower Clapton Road in front of the school site and Urswick Road have several bus services and Route 106 is the most convenient to connect the new school site to Cazenove Road.
- Parents are advised to keep up to date with TfL proposals to introduce fares on buses for children (which the council and school are strongly against but TfL want to do this to recover lost revenue from the Coronavirus pandemic). As it stands, under 11's travel free on public transport in London when accompanied by an adult but need a Zip Oyster Card if they are travelling without an adult <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/5-10-zip-oyster-photocard?intcmp=55572>. Even if fares are introduced for children, LB Hackney can advise if your child is eligible for free travel based on home to school distance and household income. Contact LB Hackney through this link if you have concerns <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/help-home-school-travel>
- The new school site is Car Free and there is limited public parking spaces nearby. It is therefore strongly advised that parents and staff do not drive (if possible).

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

We have come to the end of a long and challenging half term. I would like to thank you all for efforts over the past 8-9 weeks. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I now feel very much part of the Olive Hackney Family! 😊

During Seerah week, pupils have been increasing their knowledge and love for the Prophet Muhammad (SAW). I recorded daily reminders for all pupils to watch in their classes. Here is an example: <https://youtu.be/XCh3FX6Ap9U>
Our half term holidays start today and we will return back to school on **Monday 2nd November 2020**. Reception and Year 1 will be based at our new building after the holidays (32 St John's Church Road, London E9 6EJ).

We have provided some useful information in this parent bulletin to help you plan your journeys to and from school after the holidays. Please take time to read and understand it all. I shall provide you with another update next Friday (in the holidays) before school re-opens.

I hope you will use the holidays to have a well-earned half term break. Please ensure that you and your children are adhering fully to all local lockdown rules.

I pray you all have a safe and enjoyable half term break. Wa'assalam.

Breakfast Clubs Registration

After the holidays, we will have breakfast clubs every day at all three school sites (7:30am – 8:15am). If you need to use any of the breakfast clubs then please register below:

New Building: <https://bit.ly/3mlxh7w>

Cazenove Road: <https://bit.ly/31EeX1k>

NCC/UTC: <https://bit.ly/34tpjmy>

School Travel Plan Cont'd

- Vehicle stopping and parking restrictions and pay and display locations can be seen in detail on the LBH website <https://www.hackneytraffweb.co.uk/main.html>. Once the map opens then zoom in to the area near the school to see the traffic orders. In addition to the traffic restrictions on this map, there will be no access for school vehicles between 07:45 – 08:45 and 14:30 – 15:30 to St John's Church Road and the Church Access loop road. There will be Council and School Marshals to prevent this.
- Parents need to be considerate if they intend to drive and abide by parking restrictions. No stopping is allowed on Lower Clapton Road or Urswick Road near the school as these are Red Routes or bus stops. The streets to the south of the school are predominantly subject to resident parking permits and Sutton Square is a private road.
- Residents in the surrounding roads will complain and jeopardise the school operations if parents do not park responsibly.
- The School start and finish times have been planned to avoid the timings of the St John and James Primary School which is a 2 minute walk to the south of the School off the Churchwell Path.
- Where practical, it is strongly recommended that parents and pupils walk, scoot or cycle to and from school as this is proven to help children be more productive at learning, it helps the environment, mental and physical health and is cheaper than driving / parking.
- The school site includes sufficient and secure cycle / scooter parking accessed from St John's Church Road. As well as the TfL journey planner there are other walking and cycling journey planners such as <https://walkit.com/> and <https://www.cyclestreets.net/journey/> and there are lots of fun resources for school travel at <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools> and locally from LB Hackney here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V5TEjVxnRZn4wXJ6-hIXrA1ijWhNu3sk/view>
- If your child is attending Breakfast Club then please enter from the front door on Lower Clapton Road. At all other start and finish times, parents should enter the rear playground from St John's Church Road at the rear of the school site.
- Parents must not congregate outside the school entrances or block pavements.
- Please be respectful of other pedestrians and cyclists and local residents at all times.

School Timings

Here is a reminder of the timings for all three Olive School sites. [CLICK HERE](#)

Please remember that if you are finding the school drop off or pickups then we will help so please contact us and we will do everything we can to support you.

Attendance Figures

Well done, we have exceeded our already excellent attendance this week. This week's attendance is **97.9%**. We have once again achieved our whole school attendance target of **97.1%**.

Our overall attendance figures since the start of the year is **96.4%** which will hopefully improve further over the next few weeks.

Well done to almost all classes for exceeding our whole school attendance target of **97.1%**.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	99.7%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	98.4%
Year 3	98.2%
Year 4	96.9%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	97.9%

Message from Star's Chief Executive

Here is a link to a letter from Star's chief executive (Mufti Hamid) to all parents. Please can all parents take the time to read it carefully: <https://bit.ly/31y1UyD>

Dates for Parent Working Group Meetings

Here are the dates for the upcoming online parent working group meetings with Mr. Mirza (Principal) and others:

SEN/D Parents Working Group

- Friday 13th November 2020, 8:45am – 9:30am
- Join group: <https://bit.ly/3irLQUF>

Somali Parents Working Group

- Friday 20th November 2020, 8:45am – 9:30am
- Join group: <https://bit.ly/2I8Tkzg>

New Building Parents Working Group

- Friday 27th November 2020, 8:45am – 9:30am
- Join group: <https://bit.ly/359g8H5>

Faith & Character Education Parents Working Group

- Friday 4th December 2020, 8:45am – 9:30am
- Join group: <https://bit.ly/35zlvyb>

Tapestry Account for Reception Parents

Thank you for providing us with an email address to set up your Tapestry accounts. You should have received an email from Tapestry with details of how to set up your Parent account. This will allow you to access your child's Early Years Learning journey and provide you with an opportunity to contribute towards the journal by uploading any home learning experiences to the account. Please click on the following link to access a presentation put together by the EYFS team which provides you with information on accessing Tapestry as well as links to support using it at home.

We look forward to seeing your contributions towards your child's Early Years journal. Link: <https://bit.ly/35sjo0m>