

# Parent Bulletin

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## Thank you!

We wish to thank all Olive parents for a successful first week back. The transition of all Reception and Year 1 pupils and staff to the new building has been a success and we wish to thank all parents for their support in contributing towards this smooth transition.

We have sent out a feedback survey to all Reception and Year 1 parents to capture your views and experiences so that we can improve our service as much as possible.

## National Lockdown

We understand that the latest lockdown will increase levels of anxiety amongst parents and pupils. The Trust CEO (Mufti Hamid Patel) has written a letter to parents to reinforce the message that schools will remain open throughout the current lockdown and parents have a responsibility to ensure that their children continue to attend school.

Click on link to read the letter: <https://bit.ly/3n4cuFT>

## Drop Off/Pick Up at New building (Lower Clapton Rd)

Please can all Reception and Year 1 parents adhere to the following during drop off and pick up times:

- Leave immediately once your child has been dropped off or picked up.
- Avoid standing outside of the school gates on the pavement or road. Parents can stand in the playground.
- Avoid talking loudly outside of the school gates (especially in the mornings) as this disturbs our neighbours who may still be sleeping at that time.
- If you need your child to be picked up at 2:30pm (every day) then please inform the school office. We cannot cater for different pick up times on different days.
- Drop off and pick up your child(ren) within the window for the school site.

## Breakfast Clubs Registration

A final reminder that we are running 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 by clicking on the links below:

- New Building: <https://bit.ly/3mlxh7w>
- Cazenove Road: <https://bit.ly/31EeX1k>
- NCC/UTC: <https://bit.ly/34tpjmy>

Please only use the breakfast clubs if you really need to. Please remember that all children using the breakfast club at the new building (Lower Clapton Road) must use the old Police station entrance (please do not use the St. John's Church Road entrance).

## Update on BSix Building

We have an important meeting with the Department of Education (DfE) next week regarding the BSix building and should be able to provide all parents with an update in next week's parent bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

## Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

Thank you for a wonderful start to the second half term. Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah) for the mercy that He has shown all of us this week. We must be grateful and take time to pray two rakah nafl (two units of extra prayer) and give some sadaqah (charity) to demonstrate our gratitude.

A special thanks to all parents who drop off and pick up children at the new building. Thank you for adhering to the school rules and for cooperating with us. May Allah bless you and your families. This will help the school in its future plans and development.

Thank you to all parents who joined me for the new building feedback sessions this morning and evening. I always enjoy talking to you and thank you for your excellent suggestions which we shall consider further and action as soon as possible.

Please can I urge all parents to adhere to the government's new national coronavirus restrictions. A helpful poster has been included on the last page of this bulletin.

Please try your best to take part in the parent information workshops and SEN/D parent working group meeting next week. I wish you all a restful and safe weekend. Wa'assalam.

## Attendance Figures

This week's attendance is **96.6%**, which is slightly below our usually high weekly attendance figure. We hope this will improve next week.

Well done to Reception and Year 5 for exceeding our whole school attendance target of **97.1%**.

Year Group	% Attendance
Reception	99.1%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	96.1%
Year 5	97.5%
Year 6	95.5%

## Reporting Pupil Absences

Please ensure that you report any pupil absences by no later than 8:30am on the morning of the absence. Here are the telephone numbers for you to use:

- New Building (LCR): 020 7112 2459
- Cazenove Road Site: 020 7683 7436
- NCC/UTC Site: 020 7613 8347 or 020 7613 8391

## IT Equipment Parent Survey

We would like to know what IT equipment your child has access to at home. Please can all parents complete this short survey. Please click on link: <https://bit.ly/2U6xeQY>

### Dates/Times for Parent Working Group Meetings

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

#### SEN/D Parents Working Group

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

We will be joined by Ms. Fadairo (our school SENDCo) and Dr. Katherine Madden (Education Psychologist).

#### Somali Parents Working Group

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 8:45am – 9:30am
- To register: <https://bit.ly/2i8Tkzg>

#### New Building Parents Working Group

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

#### Faith & Character Education Parents Working Group

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

Once you have registered, you will receive a Zoom link a few days before the meeting.

### Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020, it will be Remembrance Day/Armistice Day. To mark the event, we will be taking part in a special themed day as well as a 2-minute silence at 11am. Pupils will be taking part in a range of activities on that day:

For EYFS/ KS1 pupils:

- Writing poems about soldiers who served in the war
- Creating poppy sun-catchers
- Learning about the act of remembrance and communities
- Creating flower bed decorations in the shape of a poppy (see image)
- Writing thank you notes to say what they are thankful for

For KS2 pupils:

- Writing non-chronological reports or poems about the children in the war (e.g. evacuation, school life).
- Designing and making postcards as children evacuating from the war
- Making tissue paper poppies
- Learning about the sacrifices people made during the war

You might also find this website useful:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/remembrance/>



### Dates/Times for Parent Workshops

We will be holding online parent workshops over the next few weeks:

- Reception Phonics Information**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Year 1 Phonics Information**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Year 2 SATs Information**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Year 6 SATs Information**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 3:30pm – 4:30pm

Here are the ZOOM link details for all four parent workshops:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83985074290?pwd=aDVjbFhmMFZad1QyeHVrcVcvUDNaUT09>

Meeting ID: **839 8507 4290** Passcode: **54321**

### Children in Need (Non Uniform Day)

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020, we shall be taking part in raising money for the Children in Need.



Children in Need is the BBC's

UK [charity](#). Since 1980 it has raised over £1 billion for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. Please can all parents encourage their children to wear non-school uniform and donate £1/£2 each which can be paid through your ParentPay account.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

We are currently organising these important online parent-teacher meetings and will provide full details in next week's parent bulletin. You will be able to speak to your child's teacher to discuss how your child is doing so far this term. You will also be able to discuss the targets that have been set for your child.

### Pupil Progress Report Cards





















All parents will receive the half term 1 (HT1) pupil progress report cards for their child(ren) by the end of this week. The report cards will summarise how your child is doing in their learning as well as attendance/punctuality.



# CORONAVIRUS

# NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS

5 November to 2 December  
National restrictions apply to England:

<p><b>Meeting Indoors</b> </p> <p>You cannot meet anybody socially indoors unless they are in your household or support bubble.</p>	<p><b>Meeting Outdoors</b> </p> <p>You can meet with 1 person from another household in outdoor public spaces, following social distancing. Children under 5 and anyone dependent on continuous care do not count towards the 2 person limit.</p>	<p><b>Weddings and Funerals</b> </p> <p>Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies can only take place where one of those getting married is seriously ill and not expected to recover. Funerals can take place with up to 30 people in attendance.</p>	<p><b>Working from home</b> </p> <p>You must work from home if you can. If you cannot work from home you should continue to go to work (unless you are clinically extremely vulnerable).</p>
<p><b>Essential Shops</b> </p> <p>Open. Essential shops should follow COVID-secure guidelines.</p>	<p><b>Non-essential Retail</b> </p> <p>Closed. Can only open for click-and-collect and delivery services.</p>	<p><b>Exercise</b> </p> <p>You can exercise outside on your own or with your household; your support bubble; or one person from another household.</p>	<p><b>Leisure and Gyms</b> </p> <p>Closed. Except for allotments and outdoor playgrounds.</p>
<p><b>Hospitality</b> </p> <p>Closed except for takeaway, click-and-collect, drive through and delivery services. Takeaway not permitted after 22:00.</p>	<p><b>Education</b> </p> <p>Early years, schools and FE colleges open. Universities must reflect wider restrictions.</p>	<p><b>Healthcare Services</b> </p> <p>You can leave home for any medical reason.</p>	<p><b>Residential Care</b> </p> <p>Care homes are encouraged to provide safe, COVID-secure visiting opportunities. See the guidance for details on how to keep visits safe.</p>
<p><b>Travel</b> </p> <p>You must not travel in the UK or overseas other than for permitted reasons, including work, education, medical reasons, caring responsibilities or for essential retail.</p>	<p><b>Public Transport</b> </p> <p>You may still use public transport, but should only travel for permitted reasons and should look to reduce the number of journeys you make, avoid travelling at peak times, and walk or cycle where you can.</p>	<p><b>Overnight Stays</b> </p> <p>Overnight stays and holidays away from primary residences are not allowed, except for work and other exempt purposes.</p>	<p><b>Entertainment and tourism</b> </p> <p>Entertainment venues are closed. Public gardens at visitor attractions are open.</p>
<p><b>Vulnerable People</b> </p> <p>If you are 60+ or clinically vulnerable, be especially careful to follow the rules and minimise contacts with others. If you are clinically extremely vulnerable you are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend essential health appointments.</p>	<p><b>Worship</b> </p> <p>Closed. Except for: funerals, broadcasting acts of worship, and individual prayer.</p>	<p><b>Childcare</b> </p> <p>Registered childcare and childcare activities open to enable parents to work, or for respite care. Parents can form a childcare bubble with another household for informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under.</p>	<p><b>Youth Clubs and Activities</b> </p> <p>Some youth services are able to continue, such as 1-1 youth work and support groups, but most youth clubs and groups will need to cease for this period.</p>

For more information and detailed guidance visit:  
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

