

Parent Bulletin

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REMINDER: Full Re-Opening of School

A reminder that our school will be re-opening to all pupils on **Monday 8th March 2021**. Unless your child has received a shielding letter from their GP and this shielding letter has been sent to school, your child must be in school on Monday at their allocated time. Any child who is absent without a valid reason will receive a phone call home from Monday, 9am onwards. We want all children to return to school and continue their learning. Any unauthorised or persistent absences will be challenged rigorously from the first day.

First day back to school checklist

- Check your child(ren)'s drop off and pick up timings and plan your route so you are not late.
Click on link for the timings: <https://bit.ly/3c84lab>
- All pupils will have their temperature checked and use hand sanitiser once they walk through the school gates.
- All pupils will remain in class bubbles throughout the day with a strict seating plan and ventilated classrooms. These bubbles will not mix at all during the school day.
- Children can bring in a healthy snack as usual.
- Hot lunches will be available as usual.
- Please send your child to school with a clearly labelled water bottle.
- Children will be given their own equipment e.g. pens, pencils and rulers, there is no need for you to send them in with anything.
- PE lessons will start back from the first day (as normal). Pupils should wear trainers on their PE day.
- All pupils can wear their World Book Day costumes on the first day back (if they wish).
- Please read these parent protocols and expectations:
Click on link: <https://bit.ly/3kPZcNk>
- Please read and discuss these pupil protocols and expectations with your child(ren):
Click on link: <https://bit.ly/3rq98j3>
- Please try to use public transport or walk to school. If you are driving, please **do not** park near the school. Reception & Year 1 parents **must not** park anywhere near *St. John's Church Road*, the *Church private car park*, *Sutton Place*, *Sutton Square*, *Isabella Road* or *Mehetebel Road*.
Click link for Travel options: <https://bit.ly/3kJCUfi>
Click link for Parking options: <https://bit.ly/2HSqGTp>
- Read quick parent guide for Covid absences:
Click on link: <https://bit.ly/3c79SmE>

STAR Parent Surveys

A reminder to complete the STAR parent survey to capture your experiences during the school lockdown.

Here is a link to the survey: <https://bit.ly/3uhLpUa>

Deadline: **Monday 8th March 2021**. Make your voice count!

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

I am so excited that children will be returning back to school on Monday 8th March. I have missed them all so much! We have organised something special for all pupils to celebrate them being *Lockdown Heroes* and the first few days will include a mixture of fun activities which will help pupils to settle back into school.

Please read this bulletin carefully (including links) so that you and your children are prepared for the first day/week back.

I hope to see you all at some point this week. Thank you for all your help and hard work. I pray that Allah grants us all safety, success and happiness. Ameen. Wa'assalam.

Care Plans / Medication / Coach payments

- Parents who have been called by Ms Nagina should only come to school to sign their child's Care Plan at the agreed time.
- Parents should bring in their child's medication if they have been asked to.
- Outstanding coach payments must be made by the end of the day on **Monday 8th March**.

Registration for Breakfast Clubs

A reminder that we will be re-opening our breakfast clubs from **Monday 8th March 2021** on all three sites. If you are dropping off children to more than one site and your child(ren) need to attend one of the breakfast clubs, please register using the links below. You must re-register your child even if they attended a breakfast in the Autumn term:

- Breakfast club for **Year 2, 3, 4 or 5**: <http://bit.ly/3uAvRLn>
- Breakfast club for **Rec & Year 1**: <http://bit.ly/3szGLyT>
- Breakfast club for **Year 6**: <http://bit.ly/3aZEqY6>

Is your child shielding?

If you have received a letter from the Department of Health and Social Care or your child's GP, asking your child to shield, please can you send this letter to the school office as soon as possible.

Email: attendance@olivehackney.staracademies.org

Reporting Pupil Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone or email the school no later than **8:30am** each day and every day of the absence.

Tel: 020 7112 2459

Email: attendance@olivehackney.staracademies.org

Returning School Laptops

Here is a correction to our previous advice. The school office will call all parents who have received a laptop and arrange a suitable drop off time at the Lower Clapton Road site. Please do not return any laptops to the class teachers or give your child any laptops to return to school.

Back to School Tips for Parents

By Dave Johnson, our inhouse Psychotherapist

We've all witnessed first hand the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, which has brought about a period of enormous change and uncertainty for all. Since early last year our children have had to experience sudden and unexpected school closures with little opportunity to say goodbye to friends and teachers.

Returning to school will also be a period of change and uncertainty for some children and young people. They may have different start and break times, they may be kept in small groups, they may not be able to socialise with their friends or use school equipment and resources as before and will again have to adapt to a new way of life very quickly.

The school will of course do all it can to provide a familiar routine, a sense of community and something that is a secure and constant in children and young people's lives. Below are a few things you as parents/guardians can do to help make the transition back into school easier for your children:

Get your children prepared

Helping children to prepare for change is the first step in tackling any transition. Talking openly about when and why things will happen helps children to make sense of the world around them. It is important to make sure that they know what is going to happen as far as is possible so that there are no surprises. This can help them to feel safe and secure. Try to talk to your children as much as possible about what to expect.

Offer reassurance

Some children may need lots of reassurance about returning to school. It will be important for parents and teachers to communicate so that families know what to expect and what safety measures the school are putting in place. Parents will then have more knowledge to be able to share with their children.

Establish a routine

Getting back into a routine can be a great way to prepare for a return to school. Bedtimes and waking times may have changed during lockdown, try to adjust these gradually so that children are ready for the school day. It may help parents to begin to get the practicalities ready for school – for example clean school uniforms and gather up the school equipment. Remember, the reopening of schools will be a big change for you too.

Make time to listen to your children

Just being there and available to listen to children's thoughts and feelings is so important. Acknowledging these feelings without judgement or needing to find solutions immediately can help children to open up and share their concerns with you. It can be helpful to reassure children that their feelings are natural and that you are there for them. Every child is different and will experience things in their own way.

Encourage your child to talk

Sometimes, children can find it difficult to talk about how they are feeling. They may not have the words or know what to say. It can help to offer prompts and open questions as a starting point for conversations. Here are some suggested questions that you could ask your children to help them talk about their feelings about going back to school:

- What are you looking forward to?
- What might be hard?
- What do you think will be ok?

Keep talking even though their back to school

Once your child has returned to school, you may find that asking about their day can often lead to a shrug and "I can't remember". Again, offering them prompts to start conversations can help them to open up and share some of their feelings more easily. Here are some examples:

- What was good about your day?
- What was difficult about your day?
- What went ok today?

The coronavirus pandemic has put enormous strain on parents, carers, families and teachers, no one has been unaffected. Taking time to look after ourselves and each other is so important.

If you have any worries about your child's welfare through this challenging time, please feel free to let the school know and we will do what we can to support your child.





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MR SAYED'S CHALLENGE TO YOU!

Have you thought of buying a face mask but didn't like the design?

Well, here is your chance to create your own face mask.

Follow this link for instructions on how to make a homemade mask! Don't worry if you don't have a sewing machine, this link shows you how to create a mask without one. (If you have a sewing machine or sewing needles, you can use these)

[Make a no-sew face mask](#)

Don't forget you need to make a mask with **layers** so that they can trap as much of the virus as possible. However, you need to be able to breathe when wearing it. Experiment with the thickness until you make a mask that is breathable yet protective from those nasty COVID germs!

Why not give it a go as a family, send us in your photos!



Check out these finished products!

We are looking forward to seeing yours!



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YOUTUBE

Check out how a virus spreads with this video!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LswBcB0pp>

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Something for the mask!
 - Fabric
 - Handkerchief
 - Bandana
- Elastic bands
- Hair ties
- Safety pins

Drop Off & Pick Up Timings (from 8th March 2021 onwards)

Reception & Year 1

Address: 32 St Johns Church Road, Hackney, London E9 6EJ (New Building)
 Drop off window: 8:15am – 8:45am (*breakfast club 7:30am – 8:15am*)
 Pick up window: 2:30pm – 3:00pm (Friday: 11:30am – 12:00pm)

Reception			
Class	Day	Drop Off	Pick Up
Bint Muhammad	Mon - Fri	8:15am	2.30pm (Fri – 11.30am)
Ibn Umar		8.20am	2.35pm (Fri – 11.35am)
Ibn Zubayr		8.25am	2.40pm (Fri – 11.40am)
Year 1			
Class	Day	Drop Off	Pick Up
Bint Qays	Mon - Fri	8:30am	2.45pm (Fri – 11.45am)
Ibn Thabit		8.35am	2.50pm (Fri – 11.50am)
Ibn Salamah		8.40am	2.55pm (Fri – 11.55am)

Year 2, 3, 4 and 5

Address: NCC, Basing Place (off Kingsland Road), Hackney, London, E2 8AB
 Drop off window: 8:15am – 8:45am (*breakfast club 7:30am – 8:15am*)
 Pick up window: 2:25pm – 2:55pm (Friday: 11:25am – 11:55am)

Year 2			
Class	Day	Drop Off	Pick Up
Ibn Abbas	Mon - Fri	8:30am-8:35am	2:45pm (Fri – 11:45am)
Bint A B		8:35am-8:40am	2:50pm (Fri – 11:50am)
Ibn Zayd		8:40am-8:45am	2:55pm (Fri – 11:55am)
Year 3			
Class	Day	Drop Off	Pick Up
Ibn Malik	Mon - Fri	8:30am-8:35am	2:45pm (Fri – 11:45am)
Ibn Sa’d		8:35am-8:40am	2:50pm (Fri – 11:50am)
Ibn Ali		8:40am-8:45am	2:55pm (Fri – 11:55am)
Year 4			
Class	Day	Drop Off	Pick Up
Ibn Jabal	Mon - Fri	8:15am-8:20am	2:25pm (Fri – 11:25am)
Barakah		8:20am-8:25am	2:30pm (Fri – 11:30am)
Al Farsi		8:25am-8:30am	2:35pm (Fri – 11:35am)
Year 5			
Class	Day	Drop Off	Pick Up
Ibn Masood	Mon - Fri	8:15am-8:20am	2:25pm (Fri – 11:25am)
Ibn AA		8:20am-8:25am	2:30pm (Fri – 11:30am)
Ibn Amr		8:25am-8:30am	2:35pm (Fri – 11:35am)

Year 6

Address: 66-68 Cazenove Rd, Cazenove, London N16 6AA
 Drop off window: 8:15am – 8:30am (*breakfast club 7:30am – 8:15am*)
 Pick up window: 3:00pm – 3:15pm (Friday: 12:00pm – 12:15pm)

Year 6			
Class	Day	Drop Off	Pick Up
Ibn Abee Taalib	Mon - Fri	8:15am	3pm (Fri – 12:00pm)
Ibn Haarihah		8.20am	3.05pm (Fri – 12.05pm)
Ibn Umayr		8.25am	3.10pm (Fri – 12.10pm)





COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) ABSENCE: A QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS / CARERS



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	WHAT TO DO IF...	ACTION NEEDED	BACK TO SCHOOL...
	...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results Access online learning if well enough to do so 	...if child's test comes back negative (once they are feeling well)
	...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days, including the day symptoms* started and the next 10 full days (or from day of test if no symptoms) If the child tests positive with no symptoms but then develops symptoms during the isolation period, start a new isolation period for 10 full days after the onset of symptoms Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if a member of the household tests negative during those 10 days Access online learning if well enough to do so 	<p>...when child has completed 10 days isolation, is feeling well and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste.</p> <p>These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
	...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results Access online learning 	...if household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*
	...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child should not attend school Whole household self-isolates for 10 days including the day symptoms* started and the next 10 full days (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone in the household tests negative during those 10 days Access online learning 	...when child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

	WHAT TO DO IF...	ACTION NEEDED	BACK TO SCHOOL...
	...educational setting or NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus) who does not live with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child self-isolates for 10 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too • Access online learning 	...when the child has completed 10 days of self-isolation
	...we / my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All those who have travelled must quarantine for 10 full days after the arrival day • Testing on return must be completed in line with government requirements • If Test to Release scheme is used then proof of negative test may be required • Other household members (who have not travelled) do not need to quarantine • Access online learning 	<p>...when the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 10 days</p> <p>Or</p> <p>...when a negative test result is received using the Test to Release scheme</p> <p>(If the child has not travelled they can continue to attend school even if a household member is required to quarantine)</p>
	...we have received advice from a medical / official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child should not attend school • Contact school as advised by attendance officer / pastoral team • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again • Access online learning 	...when school / other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
	...I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with symptoms need to get a PCR test immediately • Children in secondary schools and all adults in educational settings are strongly advised to take Lateral Flow Tests (for people without symptoms) if available 	...when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met

For further information:
[gov.uk/backtoschool](https://www.gov.uk/backtoschool)



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