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Olive School

Hackney

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When does school re-open?

Here is a reminder of when each year will return to school:

Tues 31 st August 2021	Staff INSET (no school)
Weds 1 st September 2021	Staff INSET (no school)
Thurs 2 nd September 2021	School open to Years 1, 2 and 6 pupils only
Fri 3 rd September 2021	School open to Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 pupils only
Mon 6 th September 2021	School open to all pupils (except Reception)

What is the school address, email & tel number?

Address: 32 St John's Church Rd, London E9 6EJ

Telephone: 020 7683 7436

Email: info@olivehackney.staracademies.org

What are the timings of the school day?

All pupils must arrive at school between 8:15am – 8:30am. Lessons will start promptly at 8:30am.

After school pick up will be staggered for all year groups:

Reception	Mon – Thurs: 2:30pm (Fri: 11:30am)
Year 1	Mon – Thurs: 2:35pm (Fri: 11:35am)
Year 2	Mon – Thurs: 2:40pm (Fri: 11:40am)
Year 3	Mon – Thurs: 2:45pm (Fri: 11:45am)
Year 4	Mon – Thurs: 2:50pm (Fri: 11:50am)
Year 5	Mon – Thurs: 2:55pm (Fri: 11:55am)
Year 6	Mon – Thurs: 3:00pm (Fri: 12:00pm)

If you have more than one child at the school, please pick up your children at the pickup time of your eldest child. Siblings will be kept in our sibling club until the eldest sibling is due to be picked up. Please DO NOT come earlier than this allotted time. This will ensure that no pupil misses any learning time.

Where can I buy uniform from?

You can order uniform from Stevensons by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please remember that trainers are not acceptable in school (except for PE lessons). Please ensure that your child arrives to school in black shoes. Uniform will be checked daily.

Will there be a breakfast club?

Yes, breakfast club will take place every day at 7:30am – 8:15am. The breakfast club is only FREE for pupils receiving benefits related free school meals. All other pupils will need to pay. Charges are £4 per day or £18 for the full week. Places are offered on first come first serve basis.

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the breakfast club registration form which should be completed and returned by **Friday 27th August 2021**. Please note that the breakfast club will not start until **Monday 6th September 2021**.

Message from Principal (Mr. Mirza)

Assalamu alaikum (peace be with you)

I hope you are enjoying the summer holidays. This bulletin is not intended to mark the end of your summer break. You still have a week left! I wouldn't normally disturb your summer break, but as our school has finally moved to one permanent site, I think it will be helpful for you and your child(ren) to have some information to help prepare for their return to school and ensure that we are all ready.

I am pleased to announce that we successfully moved from the NCC and Cazenove sites to our permanent site at Lower Clapton Road (LCR) over the summer holidays.

For anyone who has ever moved home, you will know that the day that you move into your new home, there are boxes everywhere and it all looks like a big mess. We are at that stage right now and hopefully by the end of the week, we will have everything in place so that we are ready to welcome all of our pupils, insha'Allah.

As we will all now be on one single permanent site, I pray that with Allah's help, together we will achieve accelerated development across the school and will ensure that Olive School delivers a truly world class education for its pupils.

Enjoy the rest of the summer break and keep safe. 😊

How can I travel to the new permanent site?

Olive School is committed to supporting sustainable travel initiatives. Staff are encouraged to cycle and/or walk to the school or to use public transport. This commitment is part of the school's overall strategic vision to be good neighbours, care for the environment and to encourage a healthy lifestyle. There is absolutely no parking at our new site. Our permanent site has excellent public transport links, with buses stops just outside the school on Lower Clapton Road (LRC), and more stops on Urswick Road.

Routes serving the Lower Clapton Road stops:

- Route 38 (Clapton Pond to Victoria)
- Route 55 (Walthamstow to Oxford Circus via Hackney)
- Route 106 (Finsbury to Whitechapel via Stoke Newington)
- Route 242 (Aldgate to Homerton Hospital)
- Route 253 (Euston Bus Station to Hackney Central)
- Route 254 (Aldgate Bus Station to Holloway Nags Head)

Routes serving the Urswick Road stops:

- Route 425 Clapton to Ilford
- Route 488 (Bromley by Bow to Dalston)

For the latest information on travelling by bus visit <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/buses/>

Hackney Central and Hackney Downs Rail Stations are situated within a 5-10 minutes walk of the school.

Visit <https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/london-overground/> for more information on travelling by overground.

Will there be any Covid restrictions in school?

Here is a list of changes following updated guidance from the government:

- All vulnerable pupils are able to attend school.
- No 'bubbles' in school.
- All classes back to normal.
- No staggered arrival, break, lunch and leaving times (although we will still keep this in place)
- No requirement to wear a face covering in and around school.
- No requirement for 2m distancing in the classroom and around school.
- No restriction on movement and group activities in the classroom.
- No requirement for wiping tables/keyboards/surfaces before each use.
- No restrictions on sharing of equipment.
- Specialist areas (toilets, library, dining hall) able to operate as normal.
- All trips are permitted with normal risk assessments.
- No 'waiting time' for marking pupil work.
- All parents' meetings (and parents evening) allowed in-person.
- Online lessons restricted only to those pupils who are isolating at home because they themselves have tested positive.
- School no longer responsible for identifying close contacts. NHS Test & Trace will do this, though may contact school.

Further details including enhanced measures will be outlined in next week's parent bulletin.

How can I sign up for the new school lunches?

We are pleased to announce that we have a new catering company who will be cooking fresh nutritious halal lunches on site every day for our pupils and staff.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the draft school menu. Please note that the menu is subject to minor adjustments before the start of school. A final version of the menu will be made available on our website and in our parent bulletin.

Please remember that all Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils will receive a free meal as part of the government's universal free school meals programme.

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6, and you would like them to have school lunches, please make payment for the Autumn term via our ParentPay service by **Friday 27th August 2021**. Meals will continue to cost £2.30 per child.

Where can I park if travelling by car?

There are very few places to park around the school. Under no circumstances must any parent enter *St. John's Church Road* or the *Church* car park with their vehicles. Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) systems are likely to be installed on *St. John's Church Road* and a number of other local streets in September/October making it extremely difficult for you to park anywhere near the school. We strongly recommend that you consider travelling to school by walk or by public transport.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read our guidance on the very limited parking options around the school.

Will I be able to visit the school beforehand?

Due to time constraints, we will not be able to offer school visits to pupils/parents before school re-opens in September, except for all SEND pupils who have an Education, Healthcare Plan (EHCP). These pupils will receive a letter shortly inviting them and their parents(s) to visit the new school building on *1st September 2021* to take a tour of the school building and meet their teachers before they formally start school.

For all other pupils and their parents, we have *Meet & Greets* scheduled for every year group in a few weeks' time and this will give all parents the opportunity to take a tour of the school and meet key staff face to face.

Will there be any after school clubs?

Yes, we will be running after school clubs (3pm – 4pm / 3pm – 6pm on Mon – Thurs and 12pm – 1pm / 12pm – 3pm on Fridays). We will also be running booster classes on Mon – Thurs 2:30pm – 3:30pm for targeted pupils. These after school activities will not start until *Monday 13th September 2021*. Further details will be in next week's parent bulletin.

Will there be any school coaches?

No, as we are all now based on one permanent site, there will be no need for any school coaches.

How do I report my child's absence?

It is important to remember that we will be monitoring pupil attendance very closely and swiftly following up on any absences as we must ensure that our overall pupil attendance is at least 97% this year.

If you wish to report your child's absence, please call the school on 020 7683 7436 or email the attendance officer on: attendance@olivehackney.staracademies.org. Please report the absence before 8:30am every day of the absence and not just on the first day.



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