



Dear Parents & Carers,



Feedback from Meet & Greet

It was lovely to see some of you on the Zoom Meet & Greet calls this week and feedback from those who attended was really positive.

However I am really concerned about the general low attendance (some classes only had 2 or 3 parents in total!) These 20 minute sessions were arranged as parents quite rightly wanted a chance to meet and speak to their child's teacher as due to COVID restrictions you can't meet them in person.

To have such low attendance is very concerning, particularly as the vast majority of you have used Zoom to access your child's class sessions during lockdown. **In order to keep our community together and help our children begin to close the gaps in their learning it is essential that we work together which means we need ALL parents to engage.**

Based on the recent government announcements the current COVID restrictions look likely to continue for many months and therefore we ask all parents and carers to please prioritise engaging with the school in future so that our children have the best chance to move forward.

Reporting Absence

We are asking all parents to please download the Studybugs app onto their phones and use this to report your child's absence. Details of this are provided below.

Sending Things Home

We will continue to avoid sending things home to you as much as possible but unfortunately this isn't always possible. Please be assured that we minimise contact with these items as much as possible and staff that distribute them sanitise their hands thoroughly and where possible wear gloves.

School lunches

We are hoping that cooked school lunches will resume early next week. Thank you for your patience in relation to this.

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

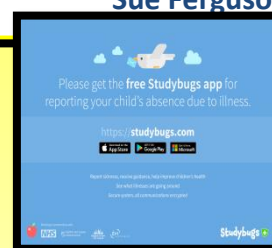
PLEASE USE STUDY BUGS

We're pleased to announce that Ellen Wilkinson is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Advantages

- You can report your child's illness straight away (and not wait for our opening hours)
- You will be linked to NHS information based on the symptoms you have entered (including possible COVID).
- The information you provide is put straight onto your child's attendance record.



PLEASE REMEMBER ...

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY OR A MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD IS WAITING FOR RESULTS OF A COVID TEST. THANK YOU

Important
Message



Beckton Globe Library

Temporary opening hours as of 1st September
Monday-Saturday 10am-1pm and 2pm-5pm
Sunday Closed

- We are offering people the chance to choose books from the bookshelves and issue them.
- Study spaces will be bookable. Plus book to use a computer for 45mins.
- Please call your local library to book either study space or computer time.
- Contact: Tel: 020 3373 0853

For more information follow this link

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/libraries-arts-culture>

School Term Dates

The school term date cards will be sent home with your child tonight. These dates can also be found on our website in the parent zone.

www.ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk

Dates for the Diary:

Advance Notice - Parents Evening

We are planning to run a parents evening on **Thursday 8th October**. This will be done virtually due to COVID restrictions. Details about how to book a time will be sent out in the next few days.

Privacy Notices

We have reviewed all our privacy notices due to the recent requirement to engage with Test & Trace. These can all be found on our website in the GDPR section. A copy has also been attached to this newsletter for your information.

CGP Books

We usually sell CGP books at Parents Evening for parents who wish to purchase additional materials to support their child's learning at home. These will be available to purchase using Parentmail. Details will be sent out with the parents evening information

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM FREE BREAKFAST

As you know, we have secured funding to provide all children from Reception to 6 with free breakfast items free of charge for two terms (until end of March)been Every two weeks your child will come home with a box of cereal and a pack of bagels. Please note we cannot choose the cereal available and that items may be sent home on different days as the suppliers cannot guarantee delivery on the same day each time.

If your child is in Reception to year 6 would like to receive these items and forgot to apply, please email info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk stating your child's name and class and we will try to put you onto the distribution list.

FREE

Year 6 Fairplay Update

Parents who paid a deposit will be contacted next week in relation to refunding your deposit from the cancelled Fairplay trip. We are looking to possibly rearrange for a day visit in the summer term dependent on COVID restrictions.

School Photos



If your child's school photograph was taken last week, proofs and details about how to order copies will be sent home with your child today. **PLEASE NOTE YOU MUST ORDER DIRECTLY FROM THE COMPANY, THE SCHOOL WILL NOT BE TAKING PAYMENT.**

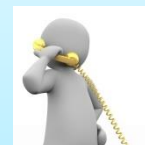
If your child's photograph was taken yesterday you will receive the same information next week.

Communication

Remember that if you need to share some information about your child or you have a question; please contact us in the following ways.

Call 020 7511 9414

Email info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk (general enquiries)



If you need to let your child's teacher know something please email them using their year group email address and they will get back to you. This starts with the year group followed by the main email address

year1@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk, year2@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk and so on.

How to apply for Free School Meals

If your family's circumstances have changed, we would strongly suggest you apply if you think you may be eligible.



To apply please follow the link: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Free-school-meals.aspx>



SUPPORT FOR UNDER 5'S FROM BECKTON AND ROYAL DOCKS CHILDREN'S CENTRE



Do you have a child under 5? Have you registered them with a Children's Centre?

If not, why not use this opportunity to do so to help you find events and opportunities for you and your child!

Children's Centre registration form

https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Best_Start_in_Life_Registration

The Newham family information service is also really useful with lots of links to different services and support, not just for under 5's.

Newham family services

<https://families.newham.gov.uk/kb5/newham/directory/family.page?familychannel=0>

Do you have
children
under 5 in
your home?

Family Support:

The family support team is there to give advice if needed

Times: available Monday to Friday

07392 196 124 / 07870 365 797

Or pop in to speak to someone.

Access is via the house gate on Dove Approach.

Need to reach
out and talk
to someone
else?