



## Dear Parents & Carers,

### School Closure

Thank you for your patience today when we had to close the school due to the water issues that affected much of East London. Our water tanks are filling up and so we are planning to be open tomorrow (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October). We hope that all our families have also now been reconnected.

However even though the site was closed, lessons continued online throughout the day. Thank you to everyone who joined us. If you had contact or access difficulties please contact the main office or use the year group email to let us know so we can help address this.

**Now that our remote education has been set up we do expect ALL pupils to access online lessons in the event of a school or class closure for whatever reason.** Therefore, if this may cause you difficulty please contact the main office so we can see what we can do to help.

### Harvest Festival

On Friday last week we had our whole school virtual harvest festival assembly. Reverend Peter also kindly recorded a harvest message which the children watched in their classrooms after the assembly.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations, some of which you can see below. We know that many of our community are struggling even more than usual because of the economic impact of the pandemic. The fact that despite this so many of you have reached out to help others even less fortunate is a real testament to you all and an amazing role model to our children. Thank you!



### Parents Evening

Parents evening appointments have been texted to you with the date, times and zoom link. If you have not received this please contact the main office. As this is the first time we are doing parents evening this way we are asking all parents to:

- Attend on time
- Use the camera
- Use your child's name on your picture ID
- Respect the amount of time available

**Take care and stay safe.**

**Sue Ferguson**

## General Messages

Important  
Message

**Please do not arrive early for collecting your children. If your children are being collected at different times please aim to collect the earlier child just before 3.10. That way you are not waiting so long (in the cold weather) and are not mixing with people from other bubbles.**

**THANK YOU**

### Contact Information

With the ongoing COVID situation it's even more important that we have your current contact information. Please use the link below to update the information we have on your child. This must include at least 2 different contacts

**<https://forms.gle/cqnJhpVNz8m141wc7> [forms.gle]**

This year there are two additional sections of questions. This is to help us plan so that in the event of a local or national lockdown children can access remote education and that we have an up to date list of families that may need to access key worker provision. Thank you



### PLEASE USE STUDY BUGS

We are 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.

## Learning Tips

### E-Safety

As we have found today, it is important that your child can access remote learning if the class or school site is closed. So, this week we have attached 10 Top Tips for Parents about keeping your child safe whilst they access Remote Learning.

### Well-being

Often, life events that are outside our control can damage our mental health, and this is made worse if we feel powerless to do anything about them. One of the ways we can re-gain a sense of control and nourish our mental health is to remember 'the five ways to wellbeing' which have been found in research to improve mental wellbeing in children and adults. This week's tip is:

**TIP 1: Are there things you can encourage your child to do, or do together, each day?** It does not have to be huge but prioritising a small thing each day to share or celebrate will help you stay connected.

To find out more visit:

**<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/make-it-count-guide-for-parents-and-carers>**





## Stars of the week



Our stars are awarded in our Friday virtual assembly to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you they also get 3 House Points and a star of the week pencil to use in school or take home (these will be distributed once the order arrives!)

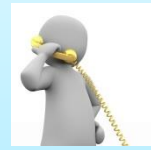
Value	Heard and Cared For	Resilience	Respect	Successful	Inspire
Guppy 1	<b>Adomas N</b>	<b>Eliora</b>	<b>Dawud</b>	<b>Brittany</b>	<b>Shannon</b>
Guppy 2	<b>Isabelle</b>	<b>Genesis</b>	<b>Khadija</b>	<b>Jibrail</b>	<b>Ayden</b>
Clownfish	<b>Ryan</b>	<b>Matas</b>	<b>David</b>	<b>Rexhep</b>	<b>Liepa</b>
Lionfish	<b>Kai'rone</b>	<b>Zain S.</b>	<b>Milana</b>	<b>Hasan</b>	<b>Diana</b>
Jellyfish	<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Annabel</b>	<b>Micheal</b>	<b>Aisha</b>	<b>Saarah</b>
Starfish	<b>Hussain</b>	<b>Diana</b>	<b>Eidanas</b>	<b>Issa</b>	<b>Vesta</b>
Lobster	<b>Petra</b>	<b>Artjom</b>	<b>Quinel</b>	<b>Fisayo</b>	<b>Boris</b>
Turtle	<b>Daisie</b>	<b>Dijana</b>	<b>Naglis</b>	<b>Steven</b>	<b>Maya</b>
Octopus	<b>Nisa</b>	<b>Sammie</b>	<b>Bella</b>	<b>Niah</b>	<b>Thomas</b>
Seahorse	<b>Ayden</b>	<b>Aleeza</b>	<b>Lauryn</b>	<b>Lily- Rose</b>	<b>Taleah</b>
Dolphin	<b>Toni</b>	<b>Masai</b>	<b>Kornelija</b>	<b>Isaac</b>	<b>Jessica</b>
Stingray	<b>Zarah</b>	<b>Theo</b>	<b>Sofia</b>	<b>Gabriele</b>	<b>Rosie</b>
Shark	<b>Chidi</b>	<b>Rubie</b>	<b>Mubashir</b>	<b>Eshan</b>	<b>Daniel</b>
Whale	<b>Kierrana</b>	<b>Kiesantis</b>	<b>Enrikas</b>	<b>Gabriella</b>	<b>Nisha</b>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:year1@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk), [year2@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk](mailto: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](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>

### 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.

Do you have children under 5 in your home?

Need to reach out and talk to someone else?