



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all well. Thank you for your ongoing support whilst we all adjust to this new way of running with the current restrictions. I know it is a concerning time with the rising case numbers and talk of lockdowns, but please know we continue to put the safety and well-being of children, parents and staff at the heart of everything we do.



As part of this we must keep rooms well ventilated and so doors and windows are open across the site. Even though we have our heating full on this can mean that it can become chilly, so please make sure your child is warmly dressed. We are looking at other measures to balance the need for ventilation and the need to be warm!

Breakfast Club

I am delighted to inform you that we will be restarting breakfast club from after half term. Details about times, costs, arrangements and how to apply will be sent out later this week. Please note that a new application form will need to be completed even if you have used the provision before. Thank you for your patience whilst we were putting staffing into place and risk assessing this provision.



Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson



Black History Month - Equality in Diversity Our Commitment

At EWPS we have always proudly celebrated Black History Month, but we have spent recent months reflecting and discussing how we can do more.

Therefore this year, and from this day forward, we believe we should be celebrating people of colour every day and the way to do this is through our curriculum. We are committed to continuing to develop what we teach and the role models we use as examples throughout the entire year so that they reflect our school community and values. We do not believe this should be reduced to a single month.

We will commit to continue learning ourselves and encourage the community we serve to do the same. We will use this knowledge to empower current and future generations to be aware of and peacefully stand against racism, to be race-conscious and treat all people, irrespective of skin colour or race equally and fairly.

Further information will be shared throughout the year on how we are doing this and how you can become involved.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the belief that we can make our pupil's tomorrows better than today's.



Safeguarding Policy Update

At the last Governing Body meeting the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy was updated in line with changes in Keeping Children Safe in Education (2020). A copy of the policy and the COVID addendum have been attached to this newsletter

We take the commitment to protect and safeguard our children very seriously which is why we wanted to draw your attention particularly to **section 4**. This explains about the four main types of abuse referred to in Keeping Children Safe in Education (Physical, Emotional, Sexual and Neglect).

Within those four main types of abuse there are specific types of abuse that our school is alert to including peer on peer abuse, child sexual exploitation, criminal exploitation including county lines and honour based violence (including female genital mutilation and breast ironing). Please take time to look at this information and contact us if you would like to discuss anything further.

Remember..

If you are worried that a child you know is at risk of serious harm through abuse or neglect, you should tell us or contact Newham MASH on 020 3373 4600

However, if you think a child is in immediate danger, phone the police immediately on 999

Reminder - Flu Vaccination

On Monday we sent out information about the NHS flu vaccination programme for children in Reception to year 6. This is in the form of a nasal spray. Please read the information carefully and return the form by Friday. Please give the form to your child who will be asked to leave it in a box in their class and these will then be collected after the weekend (as we need to leave 72 hours before handling them) Thank you.

Vaccinations will start to take place on Friday 23rd October.



Year 6 – Secondary



Applications

Please remember that your child's secondary school application form must be submitted by **31st October**. If you need any help with doing this please speak to the main office by calling

020 7511 9414.

How to apply for Free School Meals

If your family's circumstances have changed, we 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>

Learning Tips

E-Safety

With children spending more time on devices, and learning sometimes needing to be online, it is important we know how to support our children.

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe.
Visit

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

to find advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.



Well-being

Last Friday we celebrated World Mental Health Day in assembly, as part of this we talked about mental health being as important as physical health

So this week's tip is:

TIP 2: Talk openly about mental health

Just as you might encourage them to eat fruit and veg to keep their bodies healthy (and model this behaviour yourself), talk openly about, for example, staying connected with others or being physically active in order to take care of our minds.

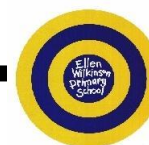
To find out more visit:

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

Vacancies



CLEANER NEEDED



We are looking to employ an additional cleaner (on a casual contract) to join our premises team. This would mean covering leave, absence and additional cleaning requirements where needed. Therefore, hours and times will vary.

Do you have a wide range of cleaning skills, demand high standards, can be flexible and have good communication skills? Do you want to work in an environment where staff are hardworking, friendly and committed?

Then you may be the person we are looking for to help care for our school.

Closing Date: 30/10/2020

The successful applicant will have to meet the requirements of the person specification in order to be offered the post and will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Please note you will need to provide photo ID as part of this commitment.

Application form and further details available from Lynn Wilson in the school office

Tel: 0207 511 9414

Email: info@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk



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	Ridwan	Harry	Sonny	Elia	Aleena
Guppy 2	Isabella	Robert	Areeb	Mihail	Rida
Clownfish	Markas	Rokhaya	Mariana	Ramisah	Kenny
Lionfish	Inaaya	Saule	Ester	Dolcie	Ayden
Jellyfish	Jasmine	Sajda	Nojus	Matteo	Mikaela
Starfish	Jay	Rhea	Maira	Kristupas	Elena
Lobster	Ilyas	Liam	Inaaya	Afia	Henryk
Turtle	Daniel.G	Nicholas	Anna	Aishah	Noah
Octopus	Adeturayo	Melissa	Mary	Enrikas	Jasmin
Seahorse	Joshua	Rafan	Mikail	Agnija	Ermal
Dolphin	Toni	Masai	Kornelija	Isaac	Jessica
Stingray	Paul	Aiden	Ikran	Rosie	Micah
Shark	Agota	Stefanie	Zainab	Jay	Keeyan
Whale	Mate	Emily	Adam	Aidan	Sallety

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/cgnJhpVNz8m141wc7> [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



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>

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?

Advice on potty/toilet training

Need some support in toilet training your child? Why not join one of the free Early Start workshops that provides a simple guide and tips to support parents/carers to start potty/toilet training. Contains information on:

- When children are ready to potty/toilet train
- When should we start potty/toilet training
- How to start potty/toilet training
- Common potty/toilet training problems



To book onto one of the sessions please follow the link below.

https://www.earlystartgroup.com/parenting/children-aged-under-5/toilet-training/?fbclid=IwAR3vDTMMk_E0dDZk45B6kWjix3d3y9SULmuZKxpeH59ZVXbjmMq3A3fSS54