



ELLEN WILKINSON PRIMARY SCHOOL LOCKDOWN NEWSLETTER 3 - 20th January 2021



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are managing to keep safe and well. Please check the whole newsletter for information you may need. However, we do realise how hard children are trying with their learning and wanted to show this, so stars of the week and house points have returned and we are going to hold key stage 1 and key stage 2 celebration assemblies this week (fingers crossed). Names of these children will be in next week's newsletter

Take care and stay safe.

Sue Ferguson

Learning

Reviewing provision

Now that most people are in a routine of accessing provision we have started to review how effective it is being.

We are glad to see so many children now attending the live lessons throughout the day but can we please remind you that children in years 1 to 6 must submit their work each day and that this should be before 4 pm.



If you or your child are having difficulty with this please contact your child's class teacher using the year group email so we can support you.



Friday Afternoon - Art Project

Please click the link to find the details of the art project that we are setting for all children on a Friday afternoon. [Link to Art Project](#)

This is to reduce screen time a little and increase balance of other subjects.

You will see there are links to support information, and teaching staff will explain to children what they need to do during the morning session.

Particular thanks to Ms Sreedharan for designing this in such a way to ensure resources can be found at home. We are asking for a photo of the outcome each week to be uploaded onto your child's Google classroom please.

London Youth Games - Fitness Challenge

Are you up for a fitness challenge? Do you want to be part of a team that helps put Newham on a leaderboard? We have just the activity for you! Each week there will be an activity sent out that you can do at home. Just follow the 3 simple steps:

1. Watch the video.
2. Complete the task
3. Let your teacher know your results.

These will be submitted to the London Youth Games and hopefully we will help Newham compete against all other London Boroughs and help Newham shine!



Ms Dains

Technology

Update

Thank you to all the families who have contacted us about difficulties with access to technology. We are contacting you individually in relation to this. If you are struggling and have not yet contacted us please use the link below.



<https://forms.gle/cgnJhpVNz8m141wc7> [forms.gle]



We have also now submitted 58 requests to the DFE for support for families with mobile data or routers. If you need this support but have not yet informed us please use the link below and we will submit another request when we are able to.

<https://forms.gle/aRkY6TSmjW317Gxd6>



Struggling with accessing or submitting work?

Please email your year group or call the main office on 0207 511 9414 so that we can support you.

Early Years

Development of provision

As part of our review of current provision we will be contacting all parents in Early Years next week with information about how we can all make better use of Evidence Me. This will include ways to share your child's activities and achievements during this time and receive some feedback from school staff.



Nursery Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the nursery survey about accessing provision if needed, and arrangements have now been put into place to support this. If you change your mind or your circumstances alter please use the link below to inform us and we will contact you.



<https://forms.gle/ebeYUXXCnzBWutE29>

Children's Centre Support for under 5's

Our Children's Centre is currently based in the school house on Dove Approach. There are staff working on site and virtually who can support you with advice. We are also hosting several sessions a week online that you can join with under 5's. There are lots of ways to find out more:



Call: **07392 196 124** or **07870 365 797**

Website: <https://www.bardcc.co.uk/>

Social media Instagram: **bard_cc**

Twitter: **@BaRDCC**

General Information

Did your child miss the Flu vaccine in school?

It's not too late to join thousands of parents who already got their children vaccinated

- ✓ Safe
- ✓ Halal friendly (no gelatine)
- ✓ Free

Book your child's appointment today

1. **Call to book an appointment 0208 214 1393 or 0208 214 1394**
2. Include your child's full name, DOB, Class, School and vaccine preference (spray or injection)
3. You will then be contacted to finalise details of your appointment

Have questions on how the flu vaccine protects your child and family?

Email: newham@vaccinationuk.co.uk

Newham Libraries: How to Access a Computer:



Library Computers will be available for essential use during Lockdown

- Appointments can be booked in advance (telephone your library to book)
- You can drop by to use a PC during opening hours but you may need to wait if there are no PCs available
- There is a 15 minute space between bookings to allow for cleaning of equipment, desks and chairs between customers
- You will be asked to sanitise your hands when entering the library
- Use the NHS Track and Trace app to scan the QR Code for the library
- Library staff will offer support in using PCs where it is safe to do so and social distancing can be maintained.

Further details including opening times are in the attachment with this newsletter.

Free School Meals Update



We are currently applying for the food vouchers for all eligible families we will contact you when these have been issued.

If your circumstances have changed we would strongly suggest that you apply if you think you may now be eligible. Further details are included in the attachment or click the link below.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/free-school-meals/2?documentId=502&categoryId=20004>



COVID Question of the week - Is the situation getting any better?

Although there are some small improvements in rates in Newham - they still remain extremely high. If you want to know how things are changing you can access the Newham COVID Dashboard using the link below.

<https://www.newham.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-dashboard/1>

Wellbeing and Support



Access to Learning Mentors

Our virtual 'Chill and Chat' sessions begin next week. These will take place via Zoom and be hosted by Ms Baker & Mr Hart.

They are a space just to have a chat with someone.

Children's sessions will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 2.15 - 2.50 pm

We also realise that many of our families are missing the contact and support that we normally provide so there is also a weekly **Chill and Chat for parents on Wednesdays 2.15 - 2.50 pm**

Zoom links for children's and adult sessions will be sent out on Monday.



Parent Advice Phone-In with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 40 minutes.

Please note these are stand-alone, one-off sessions that do not result in follow-up work. They are free sessions and open to all parents and carers of Newham children and young people. There is no criteria or threshold to access these sessions.



Sessions will operate monthly on:

Tuesday 26th Jan 23rd Feb 23rd March 2021

To book a session between 10am and 12 email or phone sarah.parkinson@newham.gov.uk 07976 733536 .