



## NEWSLETTER, SCHOOL REOPENING 2020

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER



We have continued to offer a broad and balanced curriculum with the measures needed to manage risk.

We have set out some of the most important control measures in this document to share with parents and stakeholders on how we are making Cyril Jackson as safe as possible given the unusual times in which we are living. We are especially grateful for your support and co-operation with the school's arrangements.

As ever, we aim to offer a rich curriculum to all our pupils, but you will notice that some activities, such as trips, will not be going ahead until we can be confident that they can be safely managed. However, even in the absence of some of the traditional features of our curriculum, we will continue to offer vibrant and engaging learning experiences to all.

We are aware that life has not been normal for lots of our families, and that some children have missed the usual routine that school gives them. We will be doing everything we can to support children's wellbeing and their social and/or emotional needs. If you have any particular concerns about your child, please tell us—there may be something that we can do to help.

It is important for parents to note that school attendance will be mandatory in September. Since March, parents have been allowed to choose whether to send their child back to school or not (if their child was in one of the eligible groups identified by the government). In September, we expect all children to return, unless there are clear clinical reasons why they should not.

There may well be further challenges ahead as we begin to explore the 'new normal'. We have tried to think of as many of them as possible, and you can read more about our control measures in this newsletter. But we also hope that, together with our partner agencies and, most importantly, our families, we can bring Cyril Jackson increasingly back to life, and that we can fill it with the learning and the ambition which has stood us in such good stead in the past. We are here to help if you would like to discuss anything with us—and, most of all, we look forward to seeing you and your children in September 2020.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Back to school Thursday 4 September 2020*

03 Sep	First day back
03 Sep	Transition day with new class
07 Sep	Deadline for returning letters
16 Sep	Y6 secondary application workshop (virtual)
01 Oct	Black History Month
23 Oct	Last day of term

Half term

*26 October 2020 to 30 October 2020*

### ATTENDANCE

It is vital for **all children** to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Pupils with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well.

School attendance will therefore be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means all usual attendance procedures and policies are back in effect from 4 September 2020. **This also means if pupils fail to attend school parents may receive a fine.**

Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, we will offer remote learning. Their progress will be monitored to ensure the pupil is not falling behind.

We will also be monitoring punctuality. Lack of **punctuality** affects learning and behaviour not only of the pupil who is late, but it has an impact on all other learners as the teacher is required to recap on missing learning for those who arrive late. This reduces learning time for the rest of the class.

# INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19



**CORONAVIRUS**  
**STAY ALERT TO**  
**THE SYMPTOMS**

**HIGH TEMPERATURE OR  
NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR  
LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT**  
**CONTROL**  
**THE VIRUS**  
**SAVE LIVES**

Got coronavirus symptoms?

**1**

**Start isolating**

- you for **7 days**
- household for **14 days**



**2**

**Book a test**

- [NHS.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)
- or call **119**

negative  
for COVID-19



- Household stops isolating immediately
- You stop isolating if you feel well

positive  
for COVID-19



**3**

**Share contacts**  
via **NHS Test and Trace**

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**

# INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19

Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If your child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.

Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when your child is unwell or injured. Remember that NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done. Here is some advice to help:

 <p><b>RED</b></p>	<p>If your child has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Becomes pale, mottled and feels abnormally cold to the touch</li> <li>⇒ Has pauses in their breathing (apnoeas), has an irregular breathing pattern or starts grunting</li> <li>⇒ Severe difficulty in breathing becoming agitated or unresponsive</li> <li>⇒ Is going blue round the lips</li> <li>⇒ Has a fit/seizure</li> <li>⇒ Becomes extremely distressed (crying inconsolably despite distraction), confused, very lethargic (difficult to wake) or unresponsive</li> <li>⇒ Develops a rash that does not disappear with pressure (the 'Glass test')</li> <li>⇒ Has testicular pain, especially in teenage boys</li> </ul>	<p><b>You need urgent help:</b></p> <p><b>Go to the nearest A&amp;E department or phone 999</b></p>
 <p><b>AMBER</b></p>	<p>If your child has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Is finding it hard to breathe including drawing in of the muscles below their lower ribs, at their neck or between their ribs (recession) or head bobbing</li> <li>⇒ Seems dehydrated (dry mouth, sunken eyes, no tears, drowsy or passing less urine than usual)</li> <li>⇒ Is becoming drowsy (excessively sleepy) or irritable (unable to settle them with toys, TV, food or picking up) - especially if</li> <li>⇒ they remain drowsy or irritable despite their fever coming down</li> <li>⇒ Has extreme shivering or complains of muscle pain</li> <li>⇒ Babies under 3 months of age with a temperature above 38°C / 100.4°F</li> <li>⇒ Infants 3-6 months of age with a temperature above 39°C / 102.2°F</li> <li>⇒ For all infants and children with a fever above 38°C for more than 5 days.</li> <li>⇒ Is getting worse or if you are worried</li> <li>⇒ Has persistent vomiting and/or persistent severe abdominal pain</li> <li>⇒ Has blood in their poo or wee</li> </ul>	<p><b>You need to contact a doctor or nurse today.</b></p> <p>Please ring your GP surgery or call NHS 111 - dial 111</p> <p>The NHS is working for you.</p> <p>However, we recognise during the current coronavirus crisis at peak times, access to a health care professional may be delayed.</p> <p>If symptoms persist for 4 hours or more and you have not been able to speak to either a GP or 111, then take your child to the nearest A&amp;E</p>
 <p><b>GREEN</b></p>	<p>If none of the above features are present</p> <p>You can continue to provide your child care at home. Information is also available on NHS Choices</p> <p>Additional advice is available to families for coping with crying of well babies</p> <p>Additional advice is available for children with complex health needs and disabilities.</p>	<p><b>Self care</b></p> <p>Continue providing your child's care at home. If you are still concerned about your child, call NHS 111 - dial 111</p>

# TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL



## TRAVELLING ON DEDICATED SCHOOL TRANSPORT (SCHOOL BUS)

By dedicated school transport we mean services that are used *only* to carry pupils to school.

- ⇒ Pupils should use the same seat everyday.
- ⇒ Pupils must adhere to social distancing within the bus.
- ⇒ Pupils should be at least 2m away from children outside their bubble.
- ⇒ Pupils do not need to wear a mask while on the school bus unless they are over the age of 11.
- ⇒ The school has supplied transport services with hand sanitiser and the children will need to sanitise their hands as they get on the bus.



## TRAVELLING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

By dedicated public transport we mean routes which are also used by the general public.

### **PARENTS AND CARERS AND PUPILS SHOULD STAY AT HOME IF SOMEONE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD DISPLAYS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19**

- ⇒ Pupils should be dropped off by no more than **one** adult.
- ⇒ Where siblings who are not attending can be left at home safely, under adult supervision please do so.
- ⇒ Parents and carers, pupils and staff must adhere to the one way system.
- ⇒ Parents and carers should promptly drop their child at the appropriate gate and leave the school premises without loitering.

## AVOIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

### **WHERE POSSIBLE, WE ENCOURAGE PUPILS TO WALK, RIDE OR SCOOT TO WORK.**

We expect that public transports capacity will continue to be constrained in the autumn term. Its use by pupils, particularly in peak times, should be kept to an absolute minimum.

We encourage parents and carers, staff and pupils to walk or cycle to school if at all possible.

Where using public transport is unavoidable we encourage pupils to:

- ⇒ Limit the number of people that you come into contact with.
- ⇒ Wash or sanitise your hands regularly.
- ⇒ Use a face covering.
- ⇒ Avoid touching your face.
- ⇒ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow when you are sneezing.
- ⇒ Travel side by side or behind people, rather than facing them

# NEW PROCEDURES FOR START OF DAY

## START OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR ALL

- ⇒ Pupils should be dropped off by no more than **one** adult.
- ⇒ Where siblings who are not attending can be left at home safely, under adult supervision please do so.
- ⇒ Parents and carers, pupils and staff must adhere to the one way system.



- ⇒ Parents and carers should promptly drop their child at the appropriate gate and leave the school premises without loitering.
- ⇒ Pathways into the playground have been clearly marked, pupils must follow the signs around the site.
- ⇒ Please follow distancing markers on the floor to ensure social distancing from members of different households.
- ⇒ Parent and visitor contact must be kept minimal with a maximum of one parent or visitor in each building at any time.

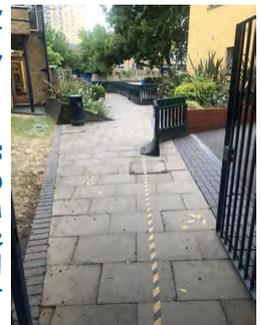
## START OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR YEAR 2, YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

- ⇒ Pupils should be dropped off at the North Building playground gate.
- ⇒ If you must drop off more than one child to the North Building, the older sibling can guide the younger sibling to their class line following the one-way system.
- ⇒ Parents and carers, pupils and staff must adhere to the one way system.
- ⇒ Parents and carers should promptly drop their child at the North Building gate and leave the school premises without loitering.



## START OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

- ⇒ Pupils should be dropped off at the gate.
- ⇒ If you must drop off more than one child to the South Building, the older sibling can guide the younger sibling to their class following the one-way system.
- ⇒ Parents and carers, pupils and staff must adhere to the one way system.
- ⇒ Parents and carers should promptly drop their child at the South Building playground gate and leave the school premises without loitering.



# NEW PROCEDURES FOR START OF DAY

## START OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR NURSERY

- ⇒ Normally, we stagger the start date of nursery pupils to help settle them in a new setting. This will continue in September. All nursery pupils will have received their start date for September.
- ⇒ Parents and carers can enter the south building playground and escort their child into the nursery, parents and carers will be able to settle their child in however this will be phased out as the term progresses.
- ⇒ Parents and carers should turn right as soon as they enter the play ground and follow the one way system around the yellow house and into nursery.



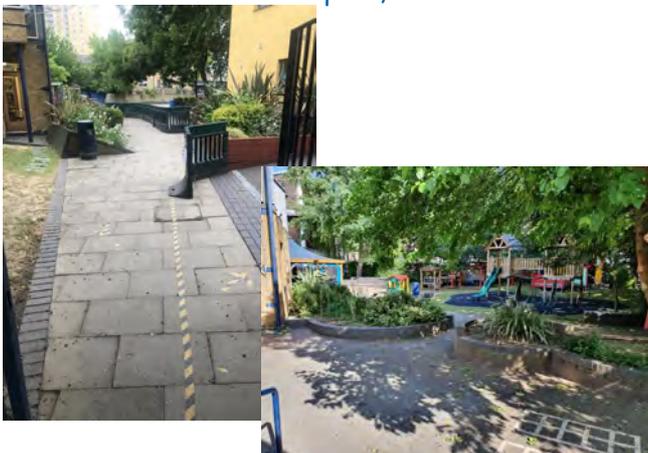
## START OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR YEAR 1 AND ELM CLASS

- ⇒ Y1 Parents and carers can enter the playground and escort their child to their playground zone. Elm class parents and carers will be able to enter the classroom to settle their child in if required.
- ⇒ Once the child is settled, the parent will continue to follow the one way system around the playground and leave using the exit gate



## START OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR RECEPTION

- ⇒ Parents and carers can enter the playground and escort their child to the reception playground.
- ⇒ Once the child is settled, the parent will continue to follow the one way system around the playground and leave via the staff car park,



# NEW PROCEDURES FOR THE SCHOOL DAY

## CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY FOR ALL

- ⇒ All trips including local trips have been cancelled. This will be reviewed for the spring term.
- ⇒ Whole school assemblies have been cancelled
- ⇒ Singing assemblies have been cancelled.
- ⇒ Phase assemblies have been cancelled.
- ⇒ Assemblies will continue to take place in their class bubbles in each class virtually.
- ⇒ Pupils must wash their hands when they arrive at school, when they return from break, when they change rooms, after they sneeze and before and after lunch.
- ⇒ Hand sanitiser stations have been installed across the north and south buildings to ensure pupils have access to hand sanitiser at all times.
- ⇒ All desks will be facing the front of the class and teacher desk will be 2m away from the front row of desks.



- ⇒ Children will be encouraged to use the 'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it' approach to ensure good hygiene.
- ⇒ Children will be in phase bubbles and will not mix with other children from different bubbles eg Year 6 and Year 5 are one bubble. All bubbles will remain separate and will not share frequently used resources, subject specific resources will be cleaned thoroughly after every use. Bubbles must remain in their dedicated bubble playground areas and continue to use bubble specific resources.
- ⇒ The premises team will continue with their increased daily cleaning schedule which will ensure cleaning is frequent in all areas. Enhanced cleaning includes more frequent cleaning of all shared spaces, frequently touched surfaces and toilets.

## PE, SOFTPLAY AND HYDROTHERAPY

- ⇒ Pupils in Year 5 will not be going swimming throughout the Autumn term.
- ⇒ Contactless sports will be planned into PE lessons and all equipment will be cleaned after each use.
- ⇒ Pupils in Elm class will not be attending soft play or hydrotherapy throughout the autumn term.
- ⇒ The daily mile will continue however children will wash their hands before and after the session.



## ITEMS PERMITTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

The following items can be brought to school:

- ⇒ Book bag 
- ⇒ Packed lunch 
- ⇒ Water bottle 

## PHYSICAL CONTACT AND SUPPORT

- ⇒ Older children are encouraged to keep their distance within their group. They are not permitted to mix, share resources or have physical contact with other groups.
- ⇒ Younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.
- ⇒ We will reduce the contacts and mixing of staff and will ensure no contact between children from different bubbles.
- ⇒ Older children should not touch each other or the staff.
- ⇒ Younger children and children with complex needs will continue to be physically supported by staff, sometimes staff will be required to touch children however all other control measures will be strictly maintained to ensure the risks are mitigated.
- ⇒ All staff will follow strict cleaning and hygiene processes.

# NEW PROCEDURES FOR END OF DAY

## END OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR ALL

- ⇒ Pupils should be picked up by no more than **one** adult.
- ⇒ Where siblings who are not attending can be left at home safely, under adult supervision please do so.
- ⇒ Parents and carers, pupils and staff must adhere to the one way system when collecting their child.
- ⇒ Parents and carers should pick up their child promptly and leave the school premises without loitering.
- ⇒ Please follow distancing markers on the floor to ensure social distancing from members of different households.
- ⇒ If a parent is late to pick up their child, they must call ahead and the child will be brought out to them.
- ⇒ Parent and visitor contact must be kept minimal with a maximum of one parent or visitor in each building at any time.
- ⇒ If you would like to speak to a member of staff, please ensure you book an appointment or email the admin account.



## END OF DAY FOR YEAR 2, YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

- ⇒ Parents and carers must enter the north building via the north building playground gate, follow the one-way system and exit the playground using the north building exit gate.



## END OF DAY FOR YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

- ⇒ Parents and carers, pupils and staff must adhere to the one way system and exit the playground via the staffroom carpark
- ⇒ Parents and carers should promptly pick up their child at the South Building playground gate and leave the school premises without loitering.



## END OF DAY PROCEDURES FOR RECEPTION

- ⇒ Parents and carers can enter the playground to pick up their child
- ⇒ Parents and carers must ensure they maintain a 2m distance from each other whilst waiting for the classes to be dismissed.

## END OF DAY FOR NURSERY

- ⇒ Parents and carers are not permitted to enter the nursery at the end of the day.
- ⇒ Parents and carers must wait in the Nursery playground for their child to be dismissed.

## END OF DAY FOR YEAR 1 AND ELM CLASS

- ⇒ Y1 Parents and carers can enter the playground and escort their child to their classroom. Elm class parents and carers will be able to enter the classroom to settle their child in if required.
- ⇒ Once the child is settled, the parent will continue to follow the one way system around the playground and leave via the exit gate.

# NEW PROCEDURES FOR THE SCHOOL DAY



## WRAP AROUND CARE

We are planning for breakfast club and after school club in September. Due to Covid-19, clubs will be planned in phase groups rather than by type of club.

In order to help us ascertain the potential numbers of pupils for clubs, please complete the questionnaire below by 14 August 2020.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/88DZ2KG>

Once we have an idea of how many children would like to access after school club and breakfast club, we will be able to put plans in place and will advise at the start of the autumn term.

## USE OF MASKS

Masks are not required in schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent circles and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. It can also lead to a negative effect on communication and thus education.

We would not encourage pupils to wear facemasks in school.

If parents and carers wish for their child to wear a face mask whilst they are at school, it is the parent's responsibility to provide their child with enough face masks for them to be changed throughout the day.

Children can not wear the same face mask for the whole day and will be asked to remove the face mask once it is contaminated.

## UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS



Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone, all pupils should be in full uniform

Earlier guidance asked parents and carers to clean uniform daily however uniforms are no longer required to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.

Uniform will be unavailable to purchase in school. You must order your uniform online directly from the supplier:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/cyriljackson>



## MULTIPLE CARE PROVIDERS

Parents and carers must limit the number of different wrap around providers they access, as far as possible, this includes childminders involved in picking up/dropping off pupils.

Where parents and carers use childcare providers or out of school activities for their children parents and carers must seek assurance that the providers are carefully considering their own protective measures. Parents and carers should **only** use providers that can demonstrate their own protective measures. As with PE during the school day, parents and carers should only take their child to contact-free sports clubs and avoid clubs that allow contact eg, rugby.



Some families will want to take a holiday over the summer period, which may involve travelling abroad. The government has set a requirement for people returning from some countries to quarantine for 14 days on their return.

Please keep up to date with the latest guidance to ensure your child/children can return to school on 4 September 2020.

# SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

## FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Some families are eligible for free school meal vouchers. The government has now announced that all pupils eligible for benefits tested Free School Meals will be entitled to free supermarket vouchers over the summer holidays.

These vouchers are currently being processed and all eligible parents and carers will receive both term time vouchers and summer vouchers by Wednesday 23 July 2020.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Summer is here and Tower Hamlets have even more activities to keep children busy throughout - better yet most of the events are absolutely **FREE**.

View the whole schedule of activities in the link below:

[https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/News\\_events/Events/Summer\\_events.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/News_events/Events/Summer_events.aspx)

So whether it's an Urban Sports Day at Mile End or Summer Football Camp in Bethnal Green, there's something for everyone.

## SUMMER RESOURCE PACKS

The staff have worked really hard to prepare summer resources packs for all our pupils to support learning and enhance their creativity over summer.

These packs contain the following:

- ⇒ Coloured paper and pencils
- ⇒ Pencils, erasers and scissors
- ⇒ Art and Craft packs
- ⇒ Maths/English books
- ⇒ Etch and sketch
- ⇒ Exercise books



## WEEKLY FOOD DONATIONS

St Katherine's Foundation has been donating food including fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, dried food such as rice and pasta, tinned food, snacks and much more. These generous donations have been supporting our vulnerable families and those that are struggling at the moment.



We will be continuing the weekly supply of food collections throughout summer to help any family that requires support.

Magic breakfast has also been supplying oats, cereal, beans and bagels for our families.

Dates for food collections:

Friday 24 July 2020

Friday 31 July 2020

Friday 07 August 2020

Friday 14 August 2020

Friday 21 August 2020

A text message reminder will go out in the morning to confirm each date and time.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Mr Ripper will be available every Friday from 2:30pm to 3:45pm (same time as food collection) at the school in the South Building to offer support to any parents and carers who may be struggling.

You can also email the school during the holidays, however this mailbox is not monitored as regularly.

Email: [admin@cyriljackson.towerhamlets.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cyriljackson.towerhamlets.sch.uk)