

Haggerston School

Weekly Bulletin

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I'm sure you will have been following the news this week on the government's plans to open schools more widely from 1 June. I wrote to all parents this week about this (a link to the letter is provided below) and explained that we are starting to plan in detail for this change, whilst recognising that there are still a number of uncertainties and variables, not least the disagreement between the government and unions over the proposed returns. Although there will be more detailed plans to come next week, as the national picture develops and we are able to plan more comprehensively, I am now able to share some of the decisions we have made this week:

1. The school will be closed over May half term to all students. This is to allow for deep cleaning, zoning and reconfiguring of the school site to support social distancing.
2. In the week beginning 1 June, Year 11 and 13 students will be provided with Bridging Packs to support their transition to the next stage of their education (either Sixth Form or University). These will allow Year 11 and 13 classes to work independently from 5 June onwards, with some individual support around progression. This will mean that 5 June will be the final 'teaching day' for Year 11 and 13, although we expect students to work through the packs provided to ensure they are fully prepared for their next steps. As soon as we are able to, we will look at options for graduation/celebration ceremonies for students in these year groups.
3. Our first priority in expanding provision in school will be to ensure we are able to accommodate eligible children (ie, children defined as 'vulnerable' and those who are the children of 'keyworkers'). I will be sending a questionnaire out to all parents on Tuesday asking for information about your specific circumstances and intentions regarding sending your children back to school. This information is critical for our planning. We will not be able to accept any child into school who has not been signed up for in school provision. The safety of all members of the school community is paramount so we will have strict staff to student ratios and group sizes in place. Knowing exactly who will be on site will be paramount to effective health and safety arrangements. The survey responses will form the basis of our provision from 1 June onwards.
4. After the provision for eligible students, our next priority, as set out in the government guidance, will be Years 10 and 12. We plan to increase our provision very gradually and in stages, being responsive to the changing situation regarding Coronavirus infection as well as monitoring our capacity in school to scale up contact time. This means that the first stage of opening for Years 10 and 12 would be in the form of one to one tutorials to supplement home learning, which will continue to be set through the DPR. We know that we can manage these safely, observing social distancing and minimising wider social contact. On Tuesday, when the survey is sent to parents, we will also be asking Year 10 and 12 parents to indicate their intention to allow their child to return to school. Again, this is critical for our planning and we will provide more detail on what this will involve, so that parents can make an informed decision. We will clarify dates and arrangements for Year 10 and 12 students when we have a better understanding of our staffing capacity.

We know that many of you will feel very anxious about the prospect of your children returning to school. Each family will have to take account of their own personal circumstances, such as distance from school and the need to use public transport, as well as whether their child (or anyone in the household) has underlying health concerns which increase their vulnerability to Covid 19 infection. The government has made clear that parents will not be penalised for choosing not to send their child to school during this period so you should feel empowered to make the decision which is right for your family. However, we also know that

prolonged absence from school carries other risks for children, in terms of their education, wellbeing and wider development which should not be underestimated. We will be working diligently to minimise the risk of infection and transmission so that children and parents can feel confident about returning and students can benefit educationally in a safe environment. Along with the survey which I will send on Tuesday, I will also outline the approaches we will take to infection control and minimising risk.

Coronavirus – Advice for Schools and Parents/Guardians

Please follow this link to our website page to view advice and updates:

<https://haggerston.hackney.sch.uk/parentscarers/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance/>

Haggerston Recorder

Easter 2020 newsletter

[Click here to view the new Spring Haggerston Recorder](#)

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Haggerston School Library

QUARANTINE CHALLENGE

To make these next few weeks interesting and fun, here is an invitation for ALL (including staff and students) to take part in the Library's Quarantine Challenge. Try and participate in as many challenges as you can.

Dress up as a character from a book or comic

Write a review of a book you have recently read

Set up a book display of your favourite books at home

Join your School on Facebook and Like or Comment on a post

Make an Origami Bookmark

Share your funniest classroom story

Draw a character from your favourite book

Make a Quarantine Comic Strip

Follow Your School on Twitter

Make a Quarantine themed Bookmark

Read a book upside down and send your photo

Share Your Best Memories at school

Write a Poem on your Favourite Teacher

Read with a Hat on and send your photo

Share a Library Joke

Design a Book Cover for your favorite Book

We have put together interesting challenges to help ease some of the stay-at-home jitters, while still staying safe. So fight the boredom at home and join in to have some fun. There is no obligation to participate in all the challenges. Simply choose what fancies you the most and send us your entries at library@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk by 25 May 2020.

HURRY UP!

Send Your Quarantine Challenge Entries to library@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk by 25 May 2020
Winners will be announced on 1 June 2020

BEST ENTRIES WILL WIN GIFT VOUCHERS



FREE* Adult Distance Learning Courses

To help promote positive well-being, New City College are offering FREE Distance Learning Courses to all Adults aged 19+.

We offer the following short online courses:

NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Behaviour that Challenges
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Safeguarding and Prevent
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Counselling Skills
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Customer Service
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Team Leading
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Data Protection and Data Security
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Awareness of Mental Health Problems
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding Common Childhood Illnesses
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Information, Advice and Guidance
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Business and Administration
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Creating a Business Start-up
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Certificate in Understanding Tenant Support in Social Housing
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding Working with People with Mental Health Needs
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's with Mental Health Needs
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Lean Organisation Management Techniques
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding Autism
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Introducing Caring for Children and Young People
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Customer Service for Health and Social Care Settings
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding the Care and Management of Diabetes
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in the Principles of Dementia Care
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding Nutrition and Health
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Understanding Autism
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Common Health Conditions
NCC NCFE L2 Certificate in Preparing to Work in Adult and Social Care
Level 2 Certificate in Equality and Diversity for Facilities

Course materials are mostly online and students will be able to complete online application and will receive an email with logging on detail if they are suitable for their subjects.

Students will have access to tutors who will guide and work with them to achieve their qualification. For further information and to register your interest you can click on one of the links below.

<https://www.havering-college.ac.uk/online-courses>

<https://www.ncclondon.ac.uk/short-courses>

Key Notices

Message from Ms Honorio (SENDSCO) regarding Access arrangements

Dear parents/carers of Year 10 students,

I am writing to you today to update you on access arrangements. In February 2020 I sent a letter to eligible families informing you about our specialist assessor coming to school assessing your child/young person and their eligibility for access arrangements. Due to the current situation with Covid-19 and school closures, these assessments are postponed. As soon as we have more information on schools reopening and safety of continued education, we will re-arrange for the specialist assessor to come back to school. I would like to reassure you that if your child is on the list for access arrangements, they will continue to receive this provision in their assessments and exams moving forward. We continue to work with exam boards and any information for the Year 10 cohort going to the Y11 will be communicated to you in an efficient and timely manner. If you have any further questions, please get in touch via email.

Kind regards,

Ms Honorio

Message from the Local Authority: increased fraud risk during coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Periods of instability, such as during the coronavirus pandemic, bring an increased risk of fraud. Fraudsters will actively exploit these difficult times and will target vulnerable areas for financial gain.

We have been informed some learners and parents have received a letter from ESFA asking for personal learner bank details in relation to the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund. We never ask for personal bank account details. This is a fraudulent letter – please do not respond.

Regular communication with parents/carers is important to us at Haggerston School. It is vital that the school office holds updated and current contact information in order that you can receive important messages from school or in case of a medical and/or emergency situation.

Please contact the school office to update or confirm that your contact information is correct.

P: 020 7739 7324

E: haggerstonschool@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk

SUMMER TERM

START	HALF TERM	FINISH
Monday 20 April 2020	Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2020	Friday 17 July 2020 Early Closure 12.45pm