

# Haggerston School

## Weekly Bulletin

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those of you who responded to our survey this week about expansion of provision in school. As stated in my letter earlier this week, we intend to start small and take gradual, incremental steps to wider opening. The first stage will be to increase our provision for the children of keyworkers and vulnerable students. The deadline for the survey was earlier today and we have now reached our capacity for the week after half term. It is critical that we have a very clear plan in place with the right staff to pupil ratios to allow us to keep groups of students separate (in 'social bubbles') in line with government guidance to minimise risk of infection and transmission. Please do not send your child to school unless you receive a confirmation email from us next week which outlines arrangements for your child's return to school. If your child has already been attending school, we have assumed they will continue to do so. However, we ask that you still discuss the changes with them when you receive the letter so that they are fully prepared for the different routines they will encounter after half term. The letter will include a link to a presentation on infection control which is important for parents and students to familiarise themselves with.

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell or if anyone in your household is showing symptoms of coronavirus. **Testing now available to anyone with symptoms of coronavirus. Anyone experiencing a new, continuous cough; high temperature; or a loss of, or change, in their normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia) can book a test using the link below:**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

A lot of emphasis in my recent correspondence has been placed on the eligible students and year groups which the government has indicated may return to school over the coming weeks. I know that many parents of students in Years 7-9 will be wondering what has been considered for students who will continue to learn at home for the foreseeable future. We have been working hard behind the scenes to review what is already in place and to take an evidence based approach to any changes. Both the Education Endowment Fund rapid research and the DfE guidance emphasise the importance of establishing consistent routines and focusing on the quality of tasks/work set over the method of setting it. We intend to continue with the same routines that have been well established over the past nine weeks but to add in some extra elements which have been trialled successfully by different departments across the school. After half term, you should begin to see an increase in the following strategies which will hope will help to keep engagement and motivation high:

1. More personalised feedback
2. More pre-recorded/narrated lessons
3. Use of classcharts to record rewards and praise for students who have completed excellent work and to identify concerns about non completion. This will allow students and parents to get more immediate feedback on their engagement and to track this.
4. Small group 'live lessons' for students who teachers identify as needing more direct input and support. Please note that teachers will be in touch if they would like your child to take part in this. It is not something which we can currently make available to all students.

We hope that the adjustments above will help your child to learn and stay committed to completing high quality work. There have been some really inspiring pieces of work submitted over this half term (many of which we have shared on our Twitter/Facebook feeds if you want to take a look)

Have a lovely half term.

Ciara Emmerson

Headteacher

## 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/parents/carers/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance/>

## Highlight of the Week

# Haggerston Recorder

Easter 2020 newsletter

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

For more of our latest news and stories please follow us on:



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<https://twitter.com/haggerstonsch>

## 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](mailto:library@haggerston.hackney.sch.uk) by 25 May 2020.



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

**BEST ENTRIES WILL WIN GIFT VOUCHERS**

## Hackney Young Futures Commission event – Working Together to Create Solutions

Please see [attached letter](#) from Cllr. Anntoinette Bramble, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care, personally inviting you to join her and Cllr. Selman to the Hackney Young Futures Commission "Working Together to Create Solutions" on Wednesday, 27 May from 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Hackney Young Futures - Working Together to Create Solutions is an event that brings together young people and organisations that provide services to them, to co-create solutions that will positively impact their needs, ambitions and aspirations.

Join us on Wednesday, 27 May 5.30pm to 7.30pm via Zoom  
The event is facilitated by the charity "My Life My Say". Click [here](#) to 'send me an invite' to register.

Contact: [Rohney Saggar-Malik](#), Project Lead, Young Futures Commission  
Hackney Council, 0208 356 6723

## Help! My GCSEs have been cancelled – what next? 2020 GCSE grades guidance: Post-16 opportunities in Hackney and next steps.

Live webinar – 4 June 2020, [1.pm](#) to 2.15pm

An opportunity for Hackney Year 11 students and/or their parents to catch-up on the latest GCSE results guidance:

*How will grades be calculated? When will I get my results? Can I take my GCSEs in the Autumn? These questions and more answered. OK what next after results?*

If unsure about next steps local post-16 providers e.g. New City College, BSix, Access Creative College, will highlight their exciting offer for September and the all-important enrolment process during COVID-19 lockdown. Go on. Give it a go!

To register for *Help! My GCSEs have been cancelled - what next?* please visit [here](#).

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This webinar is organised by Prospects Careers.

Contact: If you have any questions, please contact Jim Asbury, Service Manager, on 07554 436492

## Little Village service offering

Little Village, an organisation which provides good quality second-hand clothing, beds and bedding, as well as nappies and toiletries, for children under 5 who are living in poverty.

Little Village continues to support families in Hackney during the current Covid-19 crisis and we want you to know that we are here, should you identify any families at your school as requiring support.

We welcome individual referrals, but if you identify a large number of families in need and want to talk about a bulk delivery or any other way in which we can work in partnership, please do let us know.

Please see the [attached document](#) which outlines:

- Support available
- Criteria for Support
- Qualifying Boroughs
- Making A Referral

Contact: [Helen Speedy](#), Little Village

### Key Notices

#### 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.*

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#### SUMMER TERM

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