

Haggerston School

Weekly Bulletin

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

There has been a tangible shift in the public discourse this week towards when schools will reopen and how. I'm sure many of you will also have been following these debates in the media. There is still a great deal of uncertainty but a definite shift towards easing of lockdown measures being on the horizon. As soon as we have more clarity, which is likely to be after the review on May 7th, we will set about making plans for a safe and sustainable return to school, with the safety of all members of our school community as our priority. It is clear that school routines will have to be re-defined to enable social distancing and that it is very unlikely that all year groups will return at once. It will be gradual and incremental, requiring us to rethink everything from class sizes, to lunchtime queueing and how to teach practical subjects such as PE or Drama. It will be a challenge but one we will rise to; no one can question the importance of getting it right so that school is as safe as it can be for all children and staff, including those who are more vulnerable.

Inevitably, there will be a range of views among parents and students regarding school re-opening; some people will be relieved at the prospect of a return to normality, others will feel fearful and anxious. No doubt many will feel a mixture of both those things. For reassurance, we will endeavour to communicate our plans with as much transparency and clarity as possible so that you and your child know what to expect.

Finally, we will be sending a letter to the parents of Year 11 and 13 students next week which outlines further details regarding GCSE and A-level qualifications, including arrangements for sixth form and university progression.

As always, thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. We, and your children, are very grateful for your commitment to making home learning work.

Have a lovely weekend.

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](#)

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The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police.

[For more information please view a letter from the headteacher](#)

<https://www.operationencompass.org/school-participation>

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and students

Anna Freud Centre has put together a free [Supporting Schools and Colleges booklet](#) which provides advice and guidance for school staff about how to help children and young people manage their mental health and wellbeing during times of disruption to their learning.

The CAMHS Alliance in City & Hackney have also developed a resource for children and young people on how to access mental health and wellbeing support in this times: [CAMHS COVID Getting Help](#).

Contact: Charlotte Lucas, CAMHS Alliance Project Support Officer, 07454844458

Key Notices

Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May. School closed

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