



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

COURAGE • COMMITMENT • COMPASSION

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20th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the festive season, I extend my warmest wishes to you and your families on behalf of the entire Little Ilford School community.

There have been so many outstanding achievements this past term, and I want to congratulate all students for their dedication to their studies. I also want to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. We appreciate the trust you place in us every day, and we strive to continue working to the highest of expectations.

Mission:

Courage, commitment and compassion are the well-known values at Little Ilford School.

Also, our vision regarding what we aim to achieve at Little Ilford School is very clear.

- We take ownership of our learning and aspirations so that we fulfil our unique potential;
- We promote equality and respect so that we feel safe, looked after and valued;
- We embrace challenge and change so that we have the confidence to broaden our horizons;
- We improve and achieve through resilience and self-reflection so that we are role models within the local community and the wider world.

During the next six months, I would like the community to join me in creating a School Mission Statement in addition to the vision and values. I will run workshops with all stakeholders and would like to invite as many parents as possible to join us. They will be held on:

16th January 2025, 4-5 pm

6th February 2025, 4-5 pm

13th March 2025, 4-5 pm

I will also run a workshop in late March on a Saturday morning for those that cannot attend an evening session, and I will confirm that later. Every member of our community has a vital part in contributing to our mission, so even if you can join for one session, it would be greatly appreciated.

Breakfast club:

I want to take the opportunity to encourage our students to join us for breakfast! Breakfast is available from 7.45 am daily at Little Ilford School and is free for students who are registered for Free School Meals. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, therefore, we encourage as many students as possible to take advantage of this.

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Homework clubs:

The Education Endowment Foundation states that homework positively impacts, on average + 5 months of school time, particularly with students in secondary schools. Therefore, you will understand why we place so much emphasis on the completion of homework. To further support students, we run the following homework clubs:

Year 11

Lunchtime - Room A136: Week A: Tuesday - Friday / Week B: Monday - Friday

Year 10

After school on Tuesday and Thursday (3.05 pm to 3.50 pm), Room A130

Lunchtime - Room A130: Monday - Friday

Year 9

After school Wednesday - Room A125

Lunchtime - Room A125: Monday - Thursday

Year 8

Lunchtime - Room A134: Monday - Thursday

Year 7

Lunchtime - Room A127 Monday - Friday

We also intend to open the library until 5 pm daily, so please encourage your children to make the most of this provision. If you would like your child to stay at school until 5 pm, don't hesitate to contact us at info@littleilford.org, and we can make the arrangements.

Holiday information

Food Vouchers:

We are pleased to advise Newham Council has again decided to allocate funding from the Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to schools to provide food vouchers to children eligible for free school meals for the Christmas break. The Council has decided to issue a grant payment to all infant, junior, primary and secondary schools in Newham in line with the approach taken for previous school holidays. The funding will cover food voucher costs for children in years Reception to Year 11 who are currently in receipt of statutory (benefits related) Free School Meals (FSM), to cover the ten days of the Christmas holiday period. In line with the approach taken for the previous vouchers issued by the school we will be sending £30 vouchers for the holidays through text and/or email using Wonde. The vouchers will be sent out on the last day of term.

Newham Holiday Activities QR code:

The programme will run from 23rd December 2024 to 3rd January 2025 across four venues in Newham. The activities include enriching workshops, fun games, and engaging physical sports, ensuring a memorable and educational holiday experience for all participants.

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I wish you a joyful and restful holiday season, and I look forward to welcoming the students back to school **on Monday, 6th January**, which will be Week B. Our breakfast club will be open from 7:45 am, and our gates will close at 8:20 am promptly.

Warm regards,

Andrew Finn
Headteacher
Little Ilford School

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