



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

We have almost reached the half term holiday, which is next week. As I write there appears to be very little covid in our school community (one confirmed and one unconfirmed case among the students and one unconfirmed case in the staff). However, the rate is rising in Newham, with Little Ilford one of the worst affected wards, so we need to stay alert. Please do continue to use the lateral flow tests that we send home. These should be done twice a week. If the result is positive you should arrange for a PCR test. Students can come into school before receiving the result as long as they have no symptoms.

All families who are eligible for Free School Meals will be receiving an email in the next few days about free lunch vouchers during the school half term holiday.

There has been some concern in the community over two incidents this week at school. Please be assured that we will always tell you what we can about any incident that happens. Monday's incident, where a threat was made against the school, has resulted in the person concerned being placed in custody until further notice. There have been some wild rumours spreading in the community about what happened. The spreading of such rumours is not helpful. Obviously, we can't go into detail about the identity of the person concerned or the finer details of the offence as the case will be coming to court. However, we can assure you that the accused person was nowhere near the vicinity of the school at any point, nor is there an ongoing risk at present.

Police were also called to an incident with a student on Wednesday. This student was *not* threatening violence against anyone in the school community and was dealt with swiftly. The two incidents were completely unconnected. Any further comment from us on the second incident would be inappropriate.

So, on a happier note, we hope that all of you have a lovely and restful half term holiday next week with family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Wilson
Head Teacher

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