



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: End of Term Letter and Response to Parent Survey

As we approach the end of the Spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our collective achievements and provide important information for the upcoming break.

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support throughout this term. Your unwavering dedication to your child's education has not gone unnoticed. Together, we continue to work towards providing the best possible education for our students.

As we near the end of this term, I would like to remind you of the key dates and events to mark on your calendars. The last day of school for students will be on Thursday 28th March, please note this will be a half-day with students being dismissed at 12:40pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who took the time to complete the Parent Survey. We have taken time to analyse the outcomes from it and also scrutinised the data with our school Governors. I am pleased to share with you some of the positive responses below. The percentages are the amount of parents who indicated that they agree or strongly agree to these questions.

Q12: My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality 92%

Q9: My child has a positive attitude to learning 90%

Q1: My child feels safe in school 87%

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Q27: I know and understand the school's values and vision

87%

Q36: My child knows what is expected of them at school

87%

The Governors agreed that the survey was overall very positive, however it did highlight some points for us to reflect on and discuss strategies to improve.

There were some comments regarding students' behaviour. As you will be aware, last year we implemented a new behaviour policy which we continue to refine, however we have seen improvements in many areas that we track and monitor. Homework is the biggest challenge we have and although we have seen improvements in this area year on year we need to continue to seek new strategies to ensure we continue to support our students to complete their homework to maintain progress.

We have seen a large reduction in the cases of bullying and our focus is to continue this positive trend. I have therefore been in discussion with our Student Council to implement further strategies.

Parents Evening organisation was mentioned in the Parent Survey comments and we recognise that parents have to move around the building over multiple floors. Therefore, for the Year 7 Parents Evening on the 16th April we aim to move some departments together, potentially on the ground floor, so parents do not have to travel across all three floors.

Communication with parents was another aspect that was mentioned in the survey. We continue to encourage parents to download the Satchel One app for this purpose. If you are having any issues, please feel free to visit Reception where we will ensure you are connected. We will follow up with staff to ensure comments are written for incidents, apart from homework and punctuality, so you can have a better understanding of any incident that may have occurred.

Lunchtime supervision was a point that was raised. We have been discussing our school expansion and facilities with Governors. We have decided for the next academic year we will section the playgrounds for year groups so supervision and distribution of students would be better managed, we are also looking to develop the playground areas to create a pleasant environment.

Once again your valuable feedback serves as an important tool in evaluating our performance and identifying areas for improvement, so thank you once again to the parents who completed the survey.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic about the next half term and also the examination season. I am extremely grateful to our staff who have provided Masterclass Sessions for our Year 11 students over the holiday period. Please encourage your children to attend.



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Hardship Fund:

We recognise the additional challenges facing families, so I want to draw your attention to our Hardship Fund. Little Ilford School Hardship Fund is aimed to help students who have financial difficulties in paying for things such as:

- All items related to school uniform/PE kit.
- Materials or equipment needed to study (e.g. subject revision booklets).
- Emergency cost of travel or cost to attend Work Experience Placement.
- Educational visits organised by Little Ilford School.

If you would like to apply, please visit the school website for more details and the application form: <https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/parents-students-parents/parents/hardship-grant-application>

Newham Holiday Activities:

Please see below links:

[Newham Activities Programme](#)

[Attendance Campaign](#)

[Young People's Health Challenge](#)

Holiday 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 Easter break. The Council has

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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 Reception to Year 11 who are currently in receipt of statutory (benefits related) Free School Meals (FSM), to cover the Easter 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.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to all of our community who will be celebrating. May it be filled with joy, relaxation, and quality time spent with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming our students back on 15th April, schools gates will be open from 8am and close at 8:20am.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and partnership. Together, we can continue to provide the best educational experience for our students.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Finn

Headteacher