



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

As half term approaches, it looks like we are going to receive the archeological report on the school site by next week. This is what has been holding up the start of the build. This means that building works are likely to start at the end of May or beginning of June. Unfortunately, this does mean that the end of the project will be delayed until much later in 2022, although we don't have the details yet.

### **Support for Parents**

This weblink outlines everything HeadStart offers to parents

[For parents - HeadStart \(headstartnewham.co.uk\)](http://headstartnewham.co.uk)

This weblink has a list of webinars (run by Newham) to support parents

[Newham Parents Webinar](#)

### **Scooters**

The Metropolitan Police have sent us information about the law around e-scooters. It can be found [here](#). Can you please make sure that your children do not travel to school on e-scooters.

### **Palestine/Israel Protests**

There is a lot of understandable anger about the situation in Palestine and Israel in our school community. Our humanities team are preparing some resources for teachers to give information to students about the crisis. Our students have been very impressive in this situation so far, engaging in discussion and about the issues but not disrupting their education with protests. We are aware of other schools where learning has been halted altogether and we are anxious to avoid this, given the severe disruption to our students' education up to this point. I hope you will support us in this. It is gratifying that our students are interesting themselves in current affairs and are seeking appropriate means to help others. If you have any ideas or suggestions of ways in which we can help our students in this, please let us know.

### **Masks**

As you may know, the rules around masks in schools have loosened. The latest Department for Education guidance states that masks can be removed in the classroom, although they should still be worn in corridors and communal areas. However, given the uncertainty around the India variant, we are not changing the rules at present at Little Ilford and are asking students to keep their masks on. If you feel I am wrong in this, please do contact me.

Yours faithfully

Ian Wilson  
Headteacher

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