



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end this half term, I want to reflect on the achievements and progress we've made together at Little Ilford School. It has been a term marked by dedication and growth.

Firstly, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and carers who have supported their children throughout this term. Your involvement and encouragement have been crucial to their success. Together, we have created a nurturing environment that promotes learning and personal development.

Our students have shown exceptional resilience and determination, particularly our Year 11 students, who are halfway through their exams. They now have a week dedicated to revision. Please help them maintain a balanced revision schedule during this period.

I would also like to commend our dedicated staff, who have gone above and beyond to ensure our students receive the best possible education and unique opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. Their unwavering dedication, creativity, and adaptability have greatly impacted our students' academic progress and wellbeing.

Throughout the term, we have witnessed remarkable achievements in various areas. Our students have excelled academically and showcased their talents in sports and extracurricular activities. These accomplishments are a testament to their hard work and the excellent support, inspiration, and opportunities our staff and our families provided.

## Learning Zone

I want to bring your attention to the Learning Zone facility next to the school. This centre and the programmes that run from there are not connected to the school in any way. We have had situations where parents think it is a part of the school and that we support and monitor students while they are there. This is not the case.

If your child is attending the Learning Zone, they should first report home to change out of their school uniform before returning to the Learning Zone. Parents/Carers should visit the centre, ensure they have contact details for those in charge, and ensure they know how their child is getting home.

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## Household Support Fund

We are pleased to inform you that the 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 2024 May half term holiday. 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 from Reception to Year 11 who are currently in receipt of statutory (benefits related) Free School Meals (FSM), to cover the 5 days of the May holiday period.

## Newham free activities:

Free activities for children and young people this May Half Term! A variety of activities are available. Please use this link to book:

[May Half Term programme booking page](#)

Please use the link for activities specific to [Manor Park](#).

## School starts at 8:20 am:

Over the past term, some students' punctuality has been unsatisfactory, and we have been lenient, closing the gate at 8:23 a.m. Arriving late encroaches on students' learning time. To address this, during the next half term, a student who arrives after 8:20 a.m. will be given a behaviour point. We appreciate your support in addressing punctuality.

Could I remind you that our gates open to students from 7:45 a.m., and we have a Breakfast Club every morning, which is served in the canteen.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude for your trust in Little Ilford School. Your partnership is invaluable, and I look forward to continuing our collaboration in the coming half term to provide the best educational experience for our students.

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I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday. I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday 3rd June.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Finn

Headteacher

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