



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

10th February 2023

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout this academic year. The Courage, Commitment, and Compassion shown by our students continue to inspire me and impress visitors. We have recently had a British Council visit of Educational Leaders from across the Middle East. They were so impressed with a session run by our student council. They represented the school exceptionally well, with one of our students stepping in as a translator.

Headteacher Q & A:

Thank you to all parents who attended the Headteacher's Question and Answer session. This session started with a presentation regarding our recent OFSTED inspection.

As I have stated previously, both of the recommendations made in the OFSTED report have already been included in our planning since the start of this academic year, and the lead inspector also stated, "if we came back in three months, I am sure you would meet all of the criteria for 'outstanding'".

We also recently received a letter from Vik Verma, Newham Director of Education, Inclusion and Achievement.

He stated: 'Your inspection took place after a wider recalibration of the Ofsted inspection grading under the new framework. Despite these changes, I was delighted to read the many authentic examples of the dedication of your staff and the commitment of your students. It should be a source of pride that inspectors found such a wide range of evidence of practice to praise. Reading about the culture of aspiration for all pupils, the breadth and ambition of the curriculum, and the quality of support for pupils with special educational needs was testament to the ambition you hold for your pupils. Throughout the report, inspectors rightly found evidence of you nurturing school, where courage, commitment and compassion are the overarching values.'

We look forward to hearing about the next stage of the school's development, and indeed what other schools in the borough can learn from Little Ilford's approach. But first I hope you can all reflect on the successes found in this report.'

I think you'll agree, there is a lot for us to be proud of, and we see this inspection and the report as a positive part of our journey. It validates the plans already in place and gives us a very clear target to aim for.

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Household Support Fund

We are pleased to advise Newham Council has again decided to allocate funding from Department for Work and Pensions Household Support Fund to schools to provide food vouchers to children eligible for free school meals for the February half term 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 five days of the February half term holiday period. In line with the approach taken for the previous vouchers issued by the school we will be sending £15 vouchers for the holidays through text and or email using Wonde. The vouchers will be sent out on the last day of the term.

Newham free activities:

Free activities for children and young people this February half-term! Come and try a variety of activities. Sessions include Cricket, Baseball, Free Running, Scootering, Flag Football and Skateboarding!

February Half Term programme (PDF)

Activities for people with special educational needs (11 -25 years old)

To see the current offer for SEND young people, aged 11-25 years old, [please visit our Local Offer page](#). There is also broader information relating to SEND support in the borough on the [Local Offer page](#).

February Half Term CYP activities

Please find the link below for flyers of February Half Term activities including The Gr8 Day 2 Play SEND event.

February Half Term Activities: <https://tinyurl.com/FebHTyouthactivity> & Gr8 Day2 Play <https://tinyurl.com/GR8DAY2PLAYFEB>

London Stadium Learning

London Stadium Learning would like to invite the young people you are working with to take part in: [Behind the Camera](#) half term activities at London Stadium Learning, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London E20 2ST

The [Behind the Camera](#) project aims to encourage young people from ethnic minority backgrounds to consider careers in Sports Media. The Young People will also be filming the [Youth Charter Community Day](#), interviewing participants and organisers. Young people can sign up using the QR Code on the flyer or by clicking on this [Registration Form](#) link.

Thank you again for your continued support. I hope everyone has an enjoyable holiday, and I look forward to welcoming students back to school on Monday, 20th February 2023.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Finn
Headteacher



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