



LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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6th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted and honoured to be appointed as the new headteacher of Little Ilford School, and I'm very keen to get to know all members of the community.

From my experience of working in Education for twenty years, ten of which have been in senior leadership, I know that a successful and happy school depends on close and supportive relationships between all stakeholders.

Little Ilford School has a vibrant community spirit, an outstanding track record and strong school values of Courage, Commitment and Compassion. I am looking forward to building on these values and understanding more about the school so that the whole school community supports any positive developments we make in this new chapter.

Parents make a vital contribution to children's achievements at school, and I want to develop the relationship between the school and parents to ensure every student achieves their full potential. Over the next few weeks, I will host Virtual Introduction Evenings with each year group and run a parent survey. This will provide an opportunity to meet you and understand your views in more detail. These meetings will take place on Zoom, which I hope will enable most families to attend. If you cannot participate in the Introduction Evenings or would prefer, you're welcome to contact me by email or phone as my door will always be open.

I would also like to take the opportunity to provide you with COVID process updates:

COVID Testing:

We would like to request students to complete a Lateral Flow Test at home before our return. This is in addition to the onsite testing scheduled today and Friday and is just another measure to reduce the possibility of spreading COVID within our community. The DFE recommends that secondary school staff and students undertake twice-weekly COVID testing at home until advised otherwise.

In school testing:

Year 7

Thursday 6th January: Year 7 do not attend school.

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Friday 7th January:

Students who do not have parental permission for testing will arrive by 9 am and go straight to lessons.

Students with parental permission for testing will arrive at the Sports Hall entrance on Rectory Road by the following times:
9.00am 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4
9.30am 7.5, 7.6, 7.7 and 7.8
10.00am 7.9, 7.10, 7.11 and 7.12

Once they have been tested and the result obtained, they will go straight to lessons unless they test positive, in which case we will contact home.

Year 8

Thursday 6th January: Year 8 do not attend school.

Friday 7th January:

Students who do not have parental permission for testing will arrive by 11am and go straight to lessons.

Students with parental permission for testing will arrive at the Sports Hall entrance on Rectory Road by the following times:

11.00am 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5
11.30am 8.6, 8.7, 8.8 and 8.9
12 noon 8.10, 8.11 and 8.12

Once they have been tested and the result obtained, they will go straight to lessons, unless they test positive, in which case we will contact home.

Year 9–11

Thursday 6th January:

Students who have parental permission for testing will arrive at the Sports Hall entrance on Rectory Road at the following times:

Year 9	10:30 am	9.1/9.2/9.3
	11:00 am	9.4/9.5/9.6
	11:30 am	9.7/9.8/9.9/9.10



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Year 10	11:45 am	10.1/10.2/10.3
	12:15 am	10.4/10.5/10.6
	12:45 am	10.7/10.8/10.9/10.10
Year 11	1:15 pm	11.1/11.2/11.3
	1:45 pm	11.4/11.5/11.6
	2:15 pm	11.7/11.8/11.9/11.10

After they have been tested, they will return home.

Friday 7th January: This will be a normal school day for Years 9-11 (i.e. arrive by 8.20 am).

Update guidance on face Coverings in education settings:

From Friday, all students except those who are exempt will be asked to wear face coverings in classrooms. This builds on existing practice in school concerning corridors and communal areas, on school buses and public transport. As of Sunday 2nd January this has been national guidance for secondary schools to be reviewed by the government on Wednesday 26th January.

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Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19:

Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason. Individuals may now take Lateral Flow tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period, and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education setting from day 8. Anyone unable to take Lateral Flow tests will need to complete the whole 10 day period of self-isolation.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take a Lateral Flow test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

I look forward to welcoming students back to school this week and would also like to take the opportunity to request parent support to ensure all students are compliant with the school uniform policy, on time to school and lessons, and also strive for good attendance for the rest of this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Finn
Headteacher.