



# LITTLE ILFORD SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

Our governors have taken the decision to change our school curriculum from a two-year Key Stage 3 to a three year model. This means that the students who are in Years 7 and 8 at the moment will not make their option choices until Year 9.

This is the model that most schools use. Before my arrival at the school the previous headteacher decided to devote Years 9-11 to GCSE courses. This made sense at the time. Our students were coming into Little Ilford from primary schools with SATs grades that were well below national levels. However, nowadays our students are arriving with average levels that are on or above national, so we don't need to narrow the curriculum any more.

There are lots of advantages to moving to a 3-year Key Stage 3. Up until now our students have had to decide on their options when they have only been in school for one-and-a-half years, which many parents have told us is too early to make an informed decision. Studying GCSEs over three years when they are designed to be studied over two years meant that there was a danger of too much repetition and a narrow curriculum.

Can I remind everyone to make sure that your children are being tested twice a week at home using the lateral flow tests that we are sending home with them. If the test is positive then you should book a PCR test. The students are still free to come into school before they receive the result as long as they have no symptoms. If your child has any of the symptoms of covid, please don't send them into school. This will help to keep everyone safe.

On Wednesday 13th October the school will close for students at 12.30pm. This is to allow the staff to prepare for the Year 6 Open Evening.

If you are interested in a parenting course, please follow the link below:

<https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/news/2021-09-23-free-virtual-being-a-parent-course>

Yours faithfully,

Ian Wilson/Rav Bansal  
Co-headteachers

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