

Message for Parents

As you know, the government has mandated that all schools are closed until further notice, except for the parents of key workers and vulnerable children (see the advice in the link below). Clearly, this is an unprecedented decision which will be a relief to many but also prompts a number of questions.

There is some general guidance for parents about school closures given by the government here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Little Ilford School is supporting parents and students in continuing with their learning by setting students work and activities.

Parents, we ask you to understand that no amount of preparation will replicate the typical school day, and that it is not feasible for our teachers to give regular individual support to students at this time.

At this stage, we are attempting to provide access to education that supports parents in making decisions about how to educate their child. You, as the parent, know best how to support your children, especially given your current home situation regarding working from home and taking care of children or relatives who may live with you.

Please also consider that you are not expected to become a “stay at home teacher”, whilst also trying to be a parent. Your wellbeing is important during this time, and we would like to support that through the way we set educational work for your children.

We will share with you and your child, via this website, subject specific work that your child can complete. This will take the form of a menu of weekly tasks to choose from. These can be found here:

Each subject will be setting tasks that are easy enough for all students to access without needing a teacher/tutor/parent to work with them (even if they get some parts wrong, or have to think really hard). Each subject will also set tasks that are more open, creative and collaborative. Not all tasks are compulsory - there will be opportunities for your children to select an activity that interests them.

We are also suggesting other activities that support both learning and wellbeing. These can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FL0NMkwFZorp5yKQBXXp_0ZwtBvytj-CG5OcnN-DJMk/edit

More guidance and support for parents can be found here:

<https://www.littleilford.newham.sch.uk/news/2020-03-25-advice-and-helpful-links-for-parents-during-our-temporary-school-closure>

All staff at Little Ilford School are wishing you and your families good health and happiness during this time.

Message for Students

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Your amazing teachers at Little Ilford School have spent a long time producing activities and tasks for you. We want to ensure that your learning and progress can continue, even during this difficult time. Please respect their time and effort by completing the work to the best of your ability and taking responsibility to be an independent learner as best as you can. If you do encounter any problems, try your best to find solutions and avoid making excuses for poor performance. This is an important life skill!

We ask you to also understand that it is not feasible for our teachers to give regular individual support to you all at this time. Please be polite and patient if contacting your teachers for support through google classroom or Show My Homework.

~~in order to minimise the potential negative effects on your education whilst we deal with this emergency situation. Please respect their time and effort by completing the work to the best of your ability and taking responsibility to be an independent learner as best as you can. If you do encounter any problems, try your best to find solutions and avoid making excuses for poor performance. This is an important life skill! We ask you to also understand that it is not feasible for our teachers to give regular individual support to you all at this time. Please be polite and patient if contacting your teachers for support through google classroom or Show My Homework.~~

You may not be able to complete everything set for you, and not all tasks are compulsory - there will be opportunities for you to select an activity that interests you. There will also be times when you cannot complete school work at home - perhaps you are sharing a computer with others in the family. We are suggesting some other activities you can undertake that will support your education, even if you can't do the work we are setting online for you. You can find them here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FL0NMkwFZorp5yKQBXXp_0ZwtBvytj-CG5OcnN-DJMK/edit

Whilst working your very best and showing respect to your teachers online, we also want to remind you about showing understanding and respect to your parents, carers and family

members at home during this time. Your parents will help you to make decisions about how you work at home.

All staff at Little Ilford School are wishing you and your family's good health and happiness during this time, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.