

Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I write to communicate some general updates and one or two reminders.

As you may recall from previous communications, academies can submit two bids each year to the Department for Education's Conditioning and Improvement Fund (CIF). In the current cycle, Valley submitted two bids and was successful with its roofing bid. This means that over the summer holiday period, work will take place to complete the roofing refurbishment on the Victorian part of the school.

Work will commence on Monday 17th July with the erection of scaffolding in order to allow for the roofing work to begin on Monday 24th July. The project will run until the end of October but the majority of the work on the playground side of the building will be completed over the summer holidays.

Due to the pressure on the school budget, I can confirm that Valley Primary School has not made any financial contribution to these works with the roofing refurbishment being fully funded through the CIF project.

On a different matter, by now many of you will have learnt of the Mayor of London's pledge to offer free school meals to all primary-aged pupils. I am pleased to report that this initiative is going ahead which means that all pupils at Valley from Reception to Year 6 will be entitled to a free school dinner from the start of the new academic year. A survey will be sent out to parents before the end of term regarding this to allow the catering team to ascertain what the increase in the uptake for school dinners is likely to be.

On a less positive note, I once again offer a reminder to parents of the need to park responsibly within the local area of the school and to interact politely with the school's neighbours at all times. Sadly, after a really successful summer fair, this week I had to respond to a local resident's complaint who quite rightly got in touch after being sworn at by a Valley parent last Saturday during an interaction over parking on Recreation Road.

Finally, I remind our Year 5 parents of the secondary school admission presentation being made by Mrs. Andrea Butcher at school on Monday 10th July at 5pm. Parents do not need to book a ticket for this event so please do just come along to learn how to successfully complete the secondary school admission form.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S Jackson
Head Teacher