

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

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March return to school - Important Information – please read

Dear Parents/Carers

I do hope everyone is well. The last few months have been extremely challenging and exceptionally difficult for all but at last children are returning to school on March 8th. The children have faced challenges but this is not the only time or the last time they will face difficulties in their life. Each time they experience challenges they grow and develop and find they are better prepared to face situations in the future.

In line with recent Government guidance and advice from Public Health we continue to have clear procedures in place. We have updated the schools Risk Assessment in line with this guidance to ensure the children, their families and the staff are safe. Some of the measures we have taken include adults should be wearing face coverings in the building, especially in communal areas. We also we encourage staff to take a twice weekly rapid-flow test.

We implemented a few measures back in September when children returned back to school and we will take a similar approach this time in order to ensure as smooth a transition back to school as possible. The main measure is to stagger the return over the first couple of days. This is line with many local schools but more importantly it worked for us last time. We have informed the Local Authority and Governors support the approach. A short, staggered return will allow us to do a number of things:

- a) Be able to follow up on 1st day absence to support families with the return.
- b) Give pastoral support to children as they come back to ensure their return is successful.
- c) Allow us to ensure the health and safety measures are fully followed and amend if necessary.
- d) It also gives us time to fully assess the staffing situation. A number of staff have been issued with shielding letters and we need to plan arrangements for absences.

Any parents who perhaps need to return to work themselves and therefore need their child(ren) back in school from Monday 8th March are asked to let the school know by email at cpwfh@centralpark.newham.sch.uk. Otherwise the plan is outlined below. All children must return to school at this time.

The plan for returning to school will be as follows:

Monday March 8th Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 6 will return.

Wednesday 10th March Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 will return.

	Start time	Finish time	Gates to access
Nursery AM	8.30	11.30	Nursery gate
Nursery PM	12.30	3.30	Nursery gate
Reception	8.45	3.00	RM/RK Reception gate RF/RI Main entrance
Year 1	8.45	3.00	1P/1A Loxford Avenue 1W/1R Dickens Road
Year 2	9.00	3.15	2O/2B Loxford Avenue 2K/2M Dickens Road
Year 3	9.00	3.15	Thackery Road
Year 4	8.45	3.00	Thackery Road
Year 5	9.00	3.15	Central Park Road double gate
Year 6	8.45	3.00	Central Park Road double gate

Just like we did in September we ask parents to play their part in keeping everyone safe when they drop off and collect children at the start and end of the day:

- Parents need to wear masks/face coverings when they come to school – these need to remain on for the time you are waiting outside school – this is to keep children, other parents and staff safe. Despite repeated requests we still have a number of parents not wearing masks at these times.
- Please observe social distancing as much as possible. When lining up please keep your distance – we are getting the marks on the footpaths around school redone to act as a physical reminder.
- When lining up please stand in single file against the fence so other people can pass by on the footpath.
- We ask that only one adult drops off and collects children to reduce the number of adults gathered outside the school.
- Parents in year 5 and 6 can arrange to meet their children away from the gates – this helps reduce the number of people gathering at the gates.
- Please move away from the school gates as soon as you have dropped off children.

- Please remember to turn up at the right time to drop children and collect them at the end of the day. Please be on time

If you have any concerns or enquiries please email the school at the usual email address cpwfh@centralpark.newham.sch.uk this will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff who will then be in contact with you.

There is a lot in the press and on social media about how bad the situation is for children. Undoubtedly it has been a challenging year for children and families but the school will do everything we can to get children's learning back on track – this will not be a quick fix but will take some time to address the lost learning children have had by not having face to face learning with a teacher. We will be here to support you and your families over the coming days, weeks, months and years. Whatever happens next, it is just another step in your child's journey.

We look forward to seeing you soon and welcoming all the children back. Please take care and stay safe.

Best wishes



Paul A J Taylor

Headteacher

