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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

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Dear parents/carers,

Thank you for all the support you are giving to your children in accessing the learning from home. We know it is challenging juggling home life, your own work and supporting your children with their learning as well as working out access for the number of devices at home between all those who need access to them. We prefer children to access the learning online but know that is not always possible. We are continuing to looking at getting more devices out to families over the coming weeks. We are continuing to provide paper packs for families that need them but I am aware of some families signing in on google classroom but also collecting paper packs. If you have access on line please do not collect paper packs as well thank you – we are having to produce a lot more paper packs than we know are needed, this is time consuming and an unnecessary use of paper.

If parents are struggling with remote learning and have not already spoken to a member of the school staff please email the school on cpwfh@centralpark.newham.sch.uk and someone will be in contact with you. We have provided paper packs of work for children however we aim to get all children working on line. Please get in contact if you have no device at home, have no internet access or are struggling with the data is work is taking of your personal data allowance to devices. There are various support mechanisms being announced through different service providers (e.g. British Telecom) to give children access to devices and data. There is certain information we need from families to be able to start this process. This is a great opportunity to support families but we can only arrange this if you email the school. We look forward to supporting families further.

As a school we have a duty to stay in contact with families on a regular basis as outlined by the DfE. Please do answer the phone and speak to a member of the school staff they are calling to support families. If we don't have contact from families or don't see children on Google Classroom or Seesaw, we do get concerned. I would also like to remind parents that during lockdown children must be doing 3-4 hours of learning each day. There were some families that were called last week who were not working and were sleeping at 12.00. It is important that during the current situation children have routines kept to including normal bedtimes and being up to work from 9.00. If you are struggling with routines, please contact the school and we will offer support and advice.

Thank you for the kind words of support that parents have given to various members of staff over the past 2 weeks. I understand there have been some frustrations as well over the past few

weeks – myself and the school staff will do our best to address any concerns and issues to ensure we continue to improve what we do at Central Park Primary School.

For the last 2 weeks' families entitled to free school meals have been collecting food packs. From this week these families will have access to food vouchers as during previous lockdowns. If you do not receive the vouchers or have difficulty using them please contact the school on cpwfh@centralpark.newham.sch.uk . Someone will get back to you promptly to support you.

Stay safe: Get tested. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new persistent cough, temperature or change to – or loss of – your sense of taste or smell) you must self-isolate and get a test. Free rapid testing is also now available at a number of community testing sites for people without symptoms. Getting tested even if you are asymptomatic can help to detect unknown cases of Covid-19 and reduce the risk of spreading infection to others who you may come into contact with. Those who live in multi-generational homes; are carers; live with someone who is shielding, or have to go out to work are especially encouraged to get tested. [Find more information about Covid-19 testing in Newham, and book a test >](#)

The Covid 19 vaccine is being rolled out across the country and in Newham. There is a lot of wrong information being circulated on social media about the vaccine which is causing anxiety in the local community. The information below was in the Mayor's newsletter last week. Please hear about the vaccine from the medical experts.

Vaccine questions? Ask away!

If you have questions about the Covid-19 vaccine, why not join one of our online Q&A sessions?

Our panel – including the borough's leading medical experts – will explain how vaccines work; give the latest info on the rollout, and set out how we are ensuring safety.

There will also be a chance to ask any questions you may have.

The next session will take place via Zoom from 7-8pm on Wednesday 20 January, join using the link below.

[Join the vaccine Q&A session on Zoom >](#)

Take care, stay safe and continue to follow the government advice of ‘Stay at home’. Please follow the guidance of not mixing or visiting other households as that is the main transmission route in Newham at the moment. Recent Public Health Figures that transmission rates are reducing so we should start to see a slowdown of cases and therefore ultimately a slowdown of the death rates in the local community.

Please remember we are closer to the end of this than we were last week.

Yours sincerely



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