

Thursday 11th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Half term- Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

I would like to remind you that on Friday 12th February 2021 we break up for half term at the usual time of 12:30pm. Therefore, there will be no lessons and no onsite provision at Hackney New School from Monday 15th February until Friday 19th February 2021.

I know half term will not be as normal this year and that your child will not be able to partake in the usual activities a holiday would bring. However, it will be the ideal time for your child to catch up on any incomplete work, secure key objectives on the DPR using the resource portal as well as find new interests.

Please visit our website for a reading list where your child can access the texts online. Please also ask your child for the physical challenge our PE department has provided. Please also see the cooking video provided by Olive Dining our caterers which is also on the website so your child can learn to make a delicious pasta sauce.

Please remember that your child should be following the rules and not meeting up with anyone rather than one other person outside during half term.

Free school meal arrangements

Accounts will be updated via Edenred to cover half term.

Return to school

Please note, that to date we have had no clarification from the government regarding students' return to school. We know there is no intention for all students to be back anytime before 8th March 2021. When we have information, I will write to you directly with the arrangements. In the meantime, if your child has issues accessing their lessons due to computer or internet access please contact the school and we will support you. If your child needs help with their learning please also contact the school as we have a range of things we can do to help further.

Safer Internet Day -11th February 2021

In assemblies we are reminding students about how to stay safe online. As a mother I appreciate the pressures of monitoring our child's online activities. I would urge you however to please look at your child's phone and other devices regularly to ensure that you are happy with what they are accessing online. Sometimes children are sent inappropriate messages from others for example and if found on their device could have consequences for your child.

Year 8 and Year 9 Parents' and Options Evening

Please see supplementary letters about how to book parents' evening appointments online which will be sent in the coming days. Parents' evening is on Tuesday 23rd February and in a change to previously published times it will be from 4:00-7:30pm to allow for more appointments. Please do contact the school if you have any issues booking when you receive the instructions.

Appreciation

Thank you for all you are doing to support your child at home. I know it is particularly difficult at this time. I would like to add that your messages of gratitude to our teachers and staff are very welcome. I am very proud of our school's remote learning provision for our students and I know from talking to many parents that other schools are not providing all that we are.

Have a restful half term.

Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher