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Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid 19/Coronavirus Evening Update - 19/03/2020

Thank you again for all your support. There was a great spirit in school today with staff and students feeling a sense of pride and joy in our community (some highlights below). Particularly praise to Mr Coogan - Head of Standards, who has been overseeing the school over the past few days.





Friday 20th March - Partial Closure

As set out last night the school will be closed for most children from next Monday 23rd March.

Tomorrow we will need to be a bit flexible because of staffing numbers and we want to make sure we give students a brilliant send-off:

- Reception to Year 8 can be in from 8:30am - 1:30pm
- Year 9 and 10 will come in 10:00am - 11:30am (lunch will be provided at 11:00am)
- Year 11 will come 11:00am - 1:00pm. (and can come in non-school uniform and are invited to bring a shirt to sign as part of our 'end of year' coaching celebration. Lunch will be provided at 11:00am)
- Years 12 will arrive 8:30am - 8:55am and leave at 10:00am.
- Year 13 will arrive 11:45am - 12:10pm and leave at 1:15pm.

All students who have a one-to-one device should bring it in tomorrow so we can check it works.

As today, if families who are eligible for free school meals and are not self-isolating want to pick up a packed lunch they are free to do so (between 12:00pm and 12:30pm). If you are self-isolating and need lunch, we will try and see if we can support delivery (but may not be able to). Please contact Ms Barthram - mbarthram@school21.org.uk - if this is the case.

Next week

School for children of key workers

Thank you to those parents who have passed us details of your employment. Please continue to email Stephanie Shaldas, sshaldas@school21.org.uk, if you think you are a key worker and will need support from us. The government has not yet defined the term 'key worker'. Once they do we will have a clearer idea and will communicate our plans. It will be important for us to be certain on numbers so we can have safe staffing ratios.

Unless things change again, the school for children of key workers will start on Wednesday 25th March 2020. The extra two days will allow us to prepare properly for the school to reopen.

School for children with special needs

Again we don't have the full details from the government yet but starting on Monday 30th March we are planning on opening the school to children with an EHCP (Education and Health Care Plan) and those who receive special needs funding from Newham. Charlie Dilger, our Head of Inclusion (cdilger@school21.org.uk) will be in touch with the programme for this. Again we need to delay a week to make sure we have the right provision for these children. Please also note that this may not be full provision, not least because we may have staff who cannot be at work.

Children eligible for free school meals

From Monday we will be providing weekly Tesco vouchers of £10 per pupil in order to support increased food costs. This is for families where children are eligible for free school meals.

Vouchers will be sent out via email at the beginning of each week while we are closed, excluding weeks that would otherwise have been school holidays. Vouchers can be used online, or scanned at the till directly from your smartphone or other mobile device. No printing is required.

If you do not have access to a mobile device which can be used to display vouchers, please get in touch with us by calling the school reception 0208 262 2121 or emailing Jenny - jansell@school21.org.uk and we will arrange for a physical gift card to be posted to you. Whilst we will work to get these to you as fast as we can, there may be a slight delay in receiving these due to the postal system.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Jenny Ansell - jansell@school21.org.uk

Home learning programme

We have a plan in place and ready to go but we will release this tomorrow just in case we hear more from the government about plans for GCSE and A-levels. Thanks for your patience on this. In the meantime, the primary learning site and the google classrooms have work ready for children to do.

Any issues email: virtualclassroom@school21.org.uk

Wider support

Newham have sent through a list of support organisations that people may draw upon during this period. They are copied below.

Newham Families Information Service and Local Offer - www.families.newham.gov.uk

An inclusive local family directory and service guide for families with children and young people aged 0-25 years with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability.

	Website
Emergency Assistance	https://newham.foodbank.org.uk/
Food bank	Manor Park Centre Manor Park Christian centre 454 High Street North E12 6RH Opening Times: Tues 10:00am - 12:00pm
Food Bank	St Marks Centre, 218 Tollgate Road, Beckton, London, E6 5YA

	<p>020 7474 3060</p> <p>Opening Times: Fridays 7:00am - 9:00pm</p>
Food Bank	<p>Bonny Downs Community Centre</p> <p>Bonny Downs Church Hall, Darwell Close off Flanders Road E6 6BT</p> <p>020 7474 3060</p>
Food Bank	<p>London Ghana SDA Church</p> <p>Chadwin Road, Plaistow, London E13 8NF</p> <p>0207 474 8095</p> <p>Thursdays, 6:00am – 8:00pm</p>
Food Bank	<p>Rehoboth Church</p> <p>478 Barking Road, Plaistow, London E13 8QB</p> <p>07951 612405 (Emergency Food Distribution)</p> <p>Saturdays, 9:00am - 11:00am</p>
Food Bank	<p>Royal Docks Activity Centre</p> <p>Albert Road, London E16 2JB</p> <p>0207 476 1666 (Emergency Food Distribution)</p> <p>Monday – Friday, 9:30am – 2:00pm</p>
Food Bank	<p>WGMI</p> <p>738 Barking Road, London E13 9LB</p> <p>07944 101267 (Emergency Food Distribution)</p> <p>Sundays, 10:30am - 1:00pm</p>
Emergency Assistance (i.e. food parcels, clothing etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FairShare – www.fairshare.org.uk • Salvation Army - https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/emergency-assistance
Support Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Lives – provides information, advice, guidance and support on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their helpline number is 0808 800 2222 • Gingerbread – provides single parents with advice and practical support. You can call the Gingerbread Single Parent Helpline on 0808 802 0925

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Relate – provides relationship support, including help for children and young people and help with family life and parenting ● Single Parents – provides single parents with help, advice and support ● YoungMinds for Parents – provides advice about mental health and behaviour problems in children and young people. You can call the parents' helpline on 0808 802 5544 ● Family Rights Group – provides parents or other relatives with advice about their rights and options when social workers or courts make decisions about their children's welfare. Their advice line number is 0808 801 0366
Maternity Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newham NCT (includes breastfeeding support) and Parents in Mind PND support https://www.nct.org.uk/local-activities-meets-ups/region-london/newham ● Maternity Voices Partnership Newham (Social Action for Health) https://www.safh.org.uk/newhammvp?fbclid=IwARIneKgyIidNTIuh8nMltSeLXgmv8arCZ9dCRMjCkiHYnj5XwpXaUfmT7zo ● Alternatives Pregnancy and family support particularly those with no access to public funds. http://www.altel.org.uk/
Helplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kooth Online Counselling (10-16 year olds) – www.kooth.com ● Childline 0800 11 111 ● Newham Talking Therapies (self-referral) 0208 475 8080 ● NSPCC – 0808 800 5000 ● Family Lives – 0808 800 2222 ● Runaway Free – 116 000 ● Young Minds Parent Helpline – 0808 802 5544 ● Gangline – 0800 032 9538 ● Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111
Benefits Advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/coronavirus/
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newham Community and Crisis Support - https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Newham-community-and-crisis-support.aspx
Community Based Support Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Magpie Project - https://themagpieproject.org/ ● BDCA Community Association - www.bonnydowns.org. <p>Projects specifically for elders, children, parent/carers and youth as well as general community services around healthy food, poverty response, sports and a Gardening Project.</p>
Community Based Support Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ascension Community Trust - http://www.ascensioncommunity.org.uk/eldersproject.html ● Newham Community Links - https://www.community-links.org/advice/
Debt Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MoneyWorks - https://newhammoneyworks.co.uk/ <p>Newham MoneyWorks 112 - 118 The Grove London E15 1NS</p>

	<p>Monday to Friday</p> <p>9:00am - 5:00pm</p> <p>Tel: 020 8430 2041</p> <p>Email: moneyworks@newham.gov.uk</p>
Social Media Apps and Support Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● A Facebook group for Newham has been set up where people have been posting information for residents in need of support: https://www.facebook.com/groups/202303704194767/● OLIO App - Olío is a mobile app for food-sharing, aiming to reduce food waste. It does this by connecting those with surplus food to those who need or wish to consume such food.

Yours faithfully,



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