

Dear Colleagues

Things are moving at such a pace in relation to our response to coronavirus that it is sometimes difficult to keep up with all that is happening and I apologise if you have received some communications twice, but we wanted to make sure that you were getting the latest information and guidance in order to inform your planning. We are in the process of collating responses from yourselves around the various requests and potential models for supporting our young people and families going forward. There are still some uncertainties we need to work through and we are liaising with Headteacher colleagues to try to understand as many of the day-to-day issues you are grappling with as possible. We will continue to provide you with updates on our plans.

We know that you have to manage the anxieties, concerns and frustration of staff, pupils and families whilst still ensuring you can provide for the relevant pupil groups still attending and we remain appreciative and grateful for your continuing commitment and hard work. In all of this, please be mindful of your own circumstances and well-being.

On Monday of this week Ofsted published the inspection report for Eastlea Community School with a judgement of 'Inadequate'. Consequently, the Regional Schools Commissioner issued an academy order and an Interim Executive Board has been established.

Best wishes

Sue Imbriano; Director of Education and Skills

Ofsted News

Press release [Ofsted suspends all routine inspections](#) The Secretary of State has allowed Her Majesty's Chief Inspector to temporarily suspend all routine inspections of schools, further education, early years and social care providers. Published 17 March 2020

Newham's Local Offer: an inclusive service guide for families with children and young people aged 0-25 years with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability.

Visit www.families.newham.gov.uk for more information and to provide feedback.

The [information sent to schools](#) is as follows:

Key stage 1

- **Publication:** reception baseline assessment validity report

Key stage 2

- **Publication:** guidance for returning key stage 2 (KS2) test script
- **Publication:** special consideration guidance

Primary assessment general

- **Publication:** 2020 key stage 1 (KS1) and KS2 test administration guidance
- **Publication:** notes for readers in the English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests
- **Publication:** how to keep test materials secure

Information: DfE COVID-19 (Coronavirus) helpline

[Key stage 1 and 2 tests and phonics screening check: security advice](#) Information about keeping KS1 and KS2 tests and phonics screening check materials secure updated for the 2020 test cycle.

[Key stage 2 teacher assessment data collection: technical specification](#) Technical specification for software suppliers, educators and local authorities completing returns for the key stage 2 data collection updated with the 2020 guidance.

Information: cancellation of 2019/20 national curriculum assessments

[The Secretary of State for Education announced](#) Wednesday 18 March, that the 2019/20 national curriculum assessments will not take place due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This means the following assessments planned between April and July 2020 are cancelled:

- end of key stage 1 and key stage 2 assessments (including tests and teacher assessment)
- phonics screening check
- multiplication tables check
- science sampling tests
- all statutory trialling

You do not need to complete any further activities to prepare for these assessments.

Primary school performance measures will not be published for the 2019/20 academic year.

[The engagement model](#) - For teachers to use as an assessment tool for pupils working below the standard of national curriculum tests. 19 March 2020.

[Pre-key stage 2 standards](#) - For teachers to report assessment outcomes for pupils working below the standard of national curriculum assessments (commonly called SATs) at the end of KS2. 19 March 2020.

[Pre-key stage 1 standards](#) - For teachers to report assessment outcomes for pupils working below the standard of national curriculum assessments (commonly called SATs) at the end of KS1. 19 March 2020

Newham Virtual School Spring Term 2020 Newsletter

The purpose of this Virtual School newsletter is to give carers, and relevant professionals an introduction to some of the work undertaken by the Virtual School over the last six months.

What They Do

They are the department that oversees the education of children and young people looked after by Newham local authority. Their job is to support children who are (or have been) in care and are aged between 3 years to 25 year olds. How they support these children and young people is dependent upon need and age. They are able to provide advice and support for carers, schools and professionals working in supporting these children.

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Click [here](#) for the Spring Term newsletter.

English CPD 26 March 2020 at The Cumberland School 4-5pm - CANCELLED

Due to current circumstances, the English meeting on 26/03 at Cumberland will be **cancelled**. We will be in touch regarding the next meeting date.

Thanks Amandip Kandola
English KS3 Coordinator
Transition Leader of Literacy **Little Ilford School**

Bridging the Gap event - celebrating youth and getting young people's voices heard

The Special Educational Needs Disability Information Advice Support Service (SENDIASS) are holding an event 'Bridging the Gap' on **Wednesday 27th May 2020 10am-3pm**
Location: St. Marks Community Centre, 218 Tollgate Road, E6 5YA.

The event is aimed at providing a platform for YP with SEND in Newham (age 14+), to talk about their experiences with in education, health and social care. Hopefully, the experiences shared will be heard by the professionals who work with young people and ideas generated, based on their lived experiences, on how to bridge some of the gaps and improve services and support and also highlight what worked well for them. Please book by emailing tessa.philbert@newham.gov.uk / Tel. 0203 373 0707 / INT/ 38385
Click [here](#) for the flyer.

Training/Events

[Education Designated Safeguarding Lead Training](#)

Early Help Partnership Team
11 May 2020 9.30 am- 4.30 pm
Location: to be confirmed

[Summer 2020 Early Help Partnership Network](#)

Early Help Partnership Team
2 July 2020 9.30 am– 12.00 pm
Location: Portway Primary School

Calendar - Events and Deadlines

March / April 2020

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19

Diary Dates & Deadlines

6-17 April '20	School Spring break
21 April '20	Open consultation. Keeping children safe in education: proposed revisions 2020



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