

## Parent Bulletin – January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

Due to government announcement last December please note the following important updates:

### **1. Critical workers and vulnerable pupils**

Please visit the following government website to see if you are eligible to meet the critical worker and/or vulnerable pupil criteria:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you do meet the criteria, the government has stated that your child can attend school. It is important that you inform the school if you meet the criteria. If you do, please email the school via email [covid@st-james.newham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@st-james.newham.sch.uk)

Remember to include your child's name and class.

### **2.School Gates**

If your child is attending school on site from Tuesday 5th January, please note that Tower Hamlets Road will be open for access.

### **3.Free School Meals**

We will be providing supermarket vouchers for pupils who are eligible for free school meals. These will be sent via email and/or text via Edenred. The vouchers will take a few days to process and eligible parents will therefore receive these by the end of the week.

### **4. Home learning**

If you are not a critical worker or do not have a vulnerable child, your child will be learning remotely from home. Teachers will set work for your child on a daily basis on Google Classroom from Tuesday 5th January and we are asking that you support them with carrying out the tasks as much as possible in order to minimise disruption to learning and progress. Completing remote learning is not optional and is a legal requirement.

We feel it is important for pupils to have regular contact with their classmates and teachers. Therefore, teachers will be online for lessons for each year group from Tuesday 5th January. During online lesson, a register will be taken in accordance with the Department for Education policy and therefore it is compulsory that your child logs on to the meetings/classes. These meetings will also be an opportunity for the teacher to explain work for the day and answer any queries. If your child is unable to log on, for example due to illness, please inform the school office as per the normal procedure.

The time table is as follow: Monday to Friday

9:00 -9:15 Registration

9:15- 10:30 maths

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 11:45 English

11:45 -12:30 Lunch

12:30 – 1:30 Science/History/Geography/RE/PSHE/ wellbeing (one of these subjects per day)

1:30 – 2:00 Complete tasks from lessons

2:00 – 2:30 Bug club, Doodle Maths, Busy Things TTRockstars PE (Do one of the following as assigned)

We have a record of those families who have informed us that they do not have a device or have difficulties accessing the internet. We will get in touch with those who have informed us to organise devices where possible. Some children have already received devices and dongle to facilitate learning.

All children should already have brought their Google Classroom login details home. If you are unable to log in though, please email [covid@st-james.newham.sch.uk](mailto:covid@st-james.newham.sch.uk).

### **5. Hygiene**

We will be resuming our hygiene routines and protocols which include washing/sanitising hands on entering classroom and throughout the day, and social distance. Please note that this is one method that we are using to reduce the risk of spreading the virus.

Also your declaration:

*"I am sending my child to school today because I can confirm and reassure the school that:*

- 1. There is no one in the house with symptoms of Covid: dry continuous cough or with a high fever of temp over 37.8 degrees or loss of taste and smell*
- 2. There is no one who has tested positive with Covid in the last 14 days in the household"*

If any of the statements above become untrue, your child should stay at home with you until their period of isolation is complete.