



Dear parents: Enjoyable Spring Trail yesterday. Nice atmosphere and good to have some time to stop and chat to so many. Special thanks for food which I ate later in the evening. See below. Today is the third stage in re-opening but we clearly need to exercise caution see message from PHE and Hackney below. Plus encourage everyone you know to take up the offer of a vaccine jab if offered it. Data out of Bolton and hospitalisations is powerful .

Targeted COVID testing to take place in parts of Dalston and Shoreditch

This is information and advice for schools and settings, given the announcement about surge testing taking place in parts of Dalston and Shoreditch.

It has been announced that a small number of cases of two COVID-19 variants of concern, one first identified in South Africa and one first identified in India, have been found in areas of Shoreditch and Dalston.

From today schools, settings and colleges in the areas identified below are asked to encourage their staff, pupils and students aged 16 or over and those living in the identified areas to get a COVID-19 PCR test, even if they do not have symptoms. This is to collect data to help stop the spread of these variants.

The identified areas are around Old Street and Great Eastern Street, in Shoreditch; and parts of Dalston town centre, around Dalston Lane and Kingsland High Street. **This only involves addresses in the following postcode areas: E8 2, E8 3, E8 4, N1 4, N16 8, EC1V 9, EC2A 3, EC2A 4, N1 6.**

Please be reassured that your school or setting based risk assessment measures, alongside the usual COVID-19 precautions - i.e. Hand, Face, Space and Fresh Air, with the roll out of vaccinations - are still effective at reducing the spread of these variants and there is no cause for extra concern for staff, in terms of going to work or visiting these areas.

Secondary schools located in the identified postcodes, however, may wish to consider continuing the use of face coverings where social distancing cannot be maintained.

If your school or setting is not based in one of the above postcodes, you do not need to take any further action apart from encouraging anyone who may live in the affected areas to take a PCR test.

Getting tested

Staff and pupils/students aged over 16 at schools or settings in the identified postcodes as well as those aged 16 and over living in the identified postcodes should either:

- Go to a test site and ask for a PCR test (whether they are symptomatic or not) - see below for test sites in Hackney. There is no need to book; just let staff at the sites know you work or live in an area where a variant of concern has been identified and Hackney Council has asked them to take a test; or
- Order a PCR test to your home or work address, by calling: 119 (people with hearing or speech difficulties can call 18001 119); or visiting: nhs.uk/coronavirus (tick the box for "I've been asked to be tested by my local authority"). Drop off your completed home test kit at a local testing site (preferably), or post it back in a London Royal Mail priority post box.

We are currently speaking with the Testing Logistics Team to determine if schools and settings can pick up supplies of PCR tests to distribute. In the meantime, however, please encourage individuals to get tested in one of the 2 ways detailed above.



World Day for Cultural Diversity: This Friday May 21st.

A reminder that children can come to school dressed in clothing that represents their culture/heritage or in the colours of their chosen flag. Pupils can also bring in an artifact/item that they feel is representative of their culture. We have a range of activities lined up, including music and songs from around the world with Ms. Dyer; Bollywood dancing and samosa making with Ms. Asia; Ms. Florence and Ms. Maggie performing a Ghanaian dance. Photographer coming this Wednesday now.

Parent Phone / Virtual consultations this week

Please make sure you attend if you have booked an appointment.

Admissions for Reception Year 2021 -2022

If you still know of anyone who has a child born between September 1st 2016 and 31st of August 2017 i.e. aged 4 or 5 and thought they would not get in here then tell them we have some vacancies right now. **All faiths and none welcome to an outstanding primary school in this community.** Tell them be quick and call the school 0207 254 7353 we will do the rest



Pics of the week: Year 6 girls were all excited about being in the newsletter so they get the biggest picture above ... stalls, cakes ,sweets and Splat the Rat !!

Nice afternoon lets pray we can hold our own Sumer Fair July 9th.

and finally . . . I always said VAR was a great idea (ahem !!not quite) but it really proved its worth

on Saturday in the most enjoyable FA Cup Final in many a long year ...fans back cheering and booing fantastic winning goal ... iconic save and the underdogs coming out on top over an elite breakaway outfit and to see Khun Top looking up in memory of his father Vichai was a very emotional moment thanks to the parent who made the Linzertorte and also the parent who made the filo pie ...very much enjoyed both later that eveningI'm intermittent fasting I don't eat sweet cake very much but made an exception for this wonderful Austrian delicacy ... I brought the fine weather to the Spring trail ..I was watching Palace v Villa and forgot the time but lovely sunny day by 1pm . Roll on July 9th and some sunshine