

5th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, may I wish you all a Happy New Year for 2021 and trust the year brings you all the joys and blessing you seek.

I want to welcome new staff to the school Mr Joseph is appointed as Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Key Stage 3 curriculum and standards and Mr Woudhuysen too as Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for Key Stage 4 curriculum and standards. We also welcome Ms Rahman to the Maths Department.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some important notices following last night's announcement of a National Lockdown and the closure of Schools for this half term. Of course, this is devastating news and as your Head Teacher I appreciate the concerns and worries this presents to you. The school has done a great deal since March and we will continue to do our utmost to ensure that we are here for you and provide all the services you expect. It is my aim to provide regular updates to you via the school website and text message please also follow us on Twitter @Langdon_Park for updates.

Free School Meals

The school is well set up now with regard to the issuing of FSM which will be sent to you from next week via email. If your child is on FSM and we do not have a current email address for you please contact the school office between 9am – 12pm this week.

We appreciate that the current situation does put a strain on all families and following our fund-raising last March we do have resources to support families. If you are struggling please contact your child's Head of Year or email safeguarding@langdonpark.org we are here to help! Please also look on the Tower Hamlets website for details of support and provision within the Local Authority.

Provision for key workers and vulnerable students

The school does remain open and we are providing provision for vulnerable young people and children of critical workers. If you are a key worker and need daily provision for your child please contact the school or email keyworkers@langdonpark.org

We will also be offering some in school sessions for students as the term progresses. When students do come onto school site they will be offered a Lateral Flow Test which can give an instant COVID result if they wish to take it.

On Line Learning

As you will be fully aware we have moved to online learning and work for each lesson is set on Google Classroom. Your child must be following their timetable each day. However, we appreciate that with more than one child at home does put a strain on families. So next week we will have available to you hard copies of resources and lists of recommended reading for

you to collect. Please look out for a notice on this via text message and on the website for when you can come to collect packs to use at home for this half term. You will also be able to collect your child's exercise book if they don't have it already at home for them to complete learning in. I would ask that parents look in the front cover at the guidance and expectations for students on presenting their learning in books. Please note some subjects such as PE do not have exercise books but we are also recommending that during PE time your child completes the home exercise programmes. You can also find on YouTube some good yoga and mindfulness activities which we highly recommend.

We expect parents to go onto the school website and under the curriculum tab you can see the curriculum plans for each year group which details the topics and further recommended study and reading. So, your child cannot say they have nothing to do.

Public exams and assessments

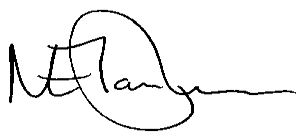
We are waiting for further announcements as to how the exams will look in the summer if there are any exams at all! It does mean that we will be expected to submit on-going evidence of assessments and internal data. Further information will be going to students and parents in Years 11 and 13 in due course. Please do not panic we will ensure your child is well-supported and secures their place of choice for next September.

I would also emphasise that I am meeting with Curriculum Leaders this week to discuss plans for Years 10 and 12 who have exams next year to ensure we keep students on track with their courses. This is also the same for students in Years 7-9 as they move through Key Stage Three and prepare for GCSEs. For Year 9 later in the term we will be sending information regarding option choices for September.

I trust this letter has addressed any initial concerns you will have following the announcement of the National Lockdown and as said we will continue to provide regular updates. I will also be running a Parent Surgery / Drop in at the Byron Street Reception every Tuesday morning from 9.30am to 11.00am when you can see me if you have any questions or matters to raise.

Without question this is an incredibly difficult time for us all but I can say with every confidence the staff at Langdon Park School will continue to give every effort to support your child through this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Langham', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Langham
Head Teacher