



## School Values

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### Information and Procedures - 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everybody for your continued support during this difficult time. We are asking a lot of our staff, parent/carers and children and we are all working hard to mitigate the risks as much as possible so we are all trying hard to stay safe.

This week's newsletter has lots of updates following our review of the risk assessment and as a result of questions/concerns from parents/carers. A copy of the appendix to the Behaviour and Positive Handling Policy can be found on the school's website - <https://www.carpenters.newham.sch.uk/policies.html>.

#### **When should I get tested?**

Anybody who has a high temperature, continuous new cough or loss of taste or smell should get themselves tested.

How do I get tested?

Go online - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Download the app - <https://www.nhs.uk/apps-library/nhs-covid-19/>

Call 119.

#### **Who should get tested?**

Only the person with the symptoms needs to get tested.

#### **Why do I not get the whole family tested?**

Until you get the symptoms, you should not be tested.

#### **Why have my children got different dates to return to school?**

This is because there are different self-isolation periods. A person with symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days from the start of the illness. For the rest of the family/household, they need to self-isolate for 14 days. This means that the whole household must stay inside and not go out, except to get tested. You must not travel on public transport or in a car driven by somebody outside of your household.

#### **Why is my child at a different school self-isolating but my child at Carpenters is allowed to come to school?**

The child from a different school is self-isolating because somebody in their bubble has tested positive. The child at Carpenters will not have had contact with the positive person so does not need to self-isolate. However, if the child from the other school, or anybody else in your household gets symptoms, then you must all self-isolate.

#### **Can I go to the shops or visit people whilst self-isolating?**

No! As soon as you are self-isolating, you must remain at home for the allocated time.

#### **My child has been asked to self-isolate because there has been a positive case in their bubble. Can I go out?**

Yes, you can! It is only the child who has been advised to self-isolate that needs to stay at home. You must not take them out with you to the shops or to visit another household.

I hope this information is helpful. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call or email the school. In addition, you can always contact Newham's COVID-19 helpline on 0207 473 9711.

I wish you all a very enjoyable and safe weekend. Remember - **HANDS, FACE & SPACE!**

Take care

Diane Barrick - Headteacher

### School Menu

We have had a number of questions about the school menu. Please note that due to COVID-19 protocols in the school kitchen, we are currently offering a slightly reduced menu until further notice. Sandwiches (cheese or tuna) are also always available in addition to our hot options. The website has been updated to show the 'lockdown menu', which we are currently using and can be found at <https://www.carpenters.newham.sch.uk/healthy-meals.html>. You can also find advice about what to include in a packed lunch, if your child would prefer this.

## Drop off and Collection

Thank you for your continued support and patience when dropping off and collecting your children at the start and end of the school day. It gets better each day we do it! We are now experiencing some wet weather and we will have to adapt our procedures. As a result, if it is raining, you will still collect the children from the same place. The adults on the gate will radio through to the classroom and your child will be sent to the gate. This will take slightly longer than normal but this way the children will not get as wet!

Please remember, there should only be 1 adult dropping off and collecting children. This way it is easier to socially distance in the lines whilst waiting for our children.

### **Needing to speak to a teacher or other adult:**

As you know, the end of the day is very busy. As a result, it is sometimes difficult to have a conversation with parents/carers at the school gate. It would help the school staff if you could contact the school via phone on 0208 534 4759 or through the school's email address at [info@carpenters.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@carpenters.newham.sch.uk).

## Wellbeing Support

### **Parenting Support:**

At the beginning of term, you will have received an email from school which introduced the HeadStart parenting program, for parents with children who are 9 years and over. These "Being a Parent" groups, which are now happening online, were previously held in Cedar Room, by the front office and were well attended by some of you during the last academic year. In response to this email, many of you have had questions about where to go if you need support with younger children.

If you are a family in Newham, you can access a range of support through their Parenting Support webpage:

<https://families.newham.gov.uk/kb5/newham/directory/family.page?familychannel=1-1>

Services include:

- A Parent Befriending Services - for a space to talk, virtual coffee morning and parenting advice.
- Triple P - A parenting programme that focuses on managing your child's needs and behaviour effectively and positively.
- A range of workshops and programmes - specific to the age of your child - to support with everything from early communication and toilet training, to managing moody teenagers!

To find out more, contact them directly via the email which you can find on the website, or get in touch with me through the school office to discuss how I can make a referral on your behalf. If you are a family living outside of Newham, and in need of parenting advice, I will be happy to signpost you to services available in your borough. As always, any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Miss Hobbs - Assistant Headteacher & Wellbeing Lead**

## Homework - Google Classroom

This week we have had a number of queries about using Google Classroom. School staff are using Google Classroom in some of their teaching each week so children can practise using it. Details of our expectations, the homework set and a step by step guide on how to use Google Classroom can be found at: <https://www.carpenters.newham.sch.uk/weekly-homework.html>.

As always, if you need any advice or support, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Hook or Miss Hobbs through the school office on 020 8534 4759 or through email - [info@carpenters.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@carpenters.newham.sch.uk).