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Welcome Back

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back after the summer break. I hope you had a lovely time and a good rest. On behalf of all the staff, myself and the governors, we look forward to another successful year working with you and our school community.

Our School Vision and Values

It is always important at the start of a new academic year to share the vision and values as they reflect and underpin the ethos of the school. At Vicarage we aim to

- Provide a vibrant, secure and stimulating learning environment in which our pupils develop confidence, resilience and a love for learning.
- Provide a rich creative curriculum which is enjoyable, purposeful and meets the needs of our pupils.
- Maintain high standards of teaching and learning so that all pupils can achieve their potential.
- Respect and celebrate the religious and cultural diversity within our school and the wider community.

Our Core Values are

- Excellence
- Resilience
- Respect



Parental Involvement

An effective working partnership between the school and parents is a key element in the success of a child's education. At Vicarage Primary School we are very proud of the work we do to support all our families. With this in mind we are continuing with the courses we ran last year:

- ESOL classes will be up and running again this year, starting on 19th September at 1.00pm
- Triple P classes will start on Tuesday 29th October from 1.00pm and will continue for 7 weeks

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Parents Curriculum Meetings

We will be holding our termly curriculum meetings next week. They are an opportunity for you to meet the staff working with your child this year and find out more about the topics taught this term.

Date and Time	Year Group	Venue
Monday 9 th September - 9.15am	3	Green Hall
Tuesday 10 th September - 9.15am	1	Green Hall
Tuesday 10 th September - 9.15am	6	Blue Hall
Tuesday 10 th September - 2.45pm	4	Blue Hall
Wednesday 11 th September - 9.15am	2	Green Hall
Wednesday 11 th September - 9.15am	5	Blue Hall

Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition you must inform and provide the school with up to date information about it, as well as any medication your child has been prescribed (e.g. asthma pump, epipen, piriton). Also, if your child is no longer suffering from a previous medical condition, please inform the school in writing of this.

When medicine is brought into school, it must be prescribed with your child's name. You will be asked to sign a parental agreement form which gives permission to the school to administer the medicine on your behalf.

Parents are responsible for checking that their child's medication is in date.

Our school nurse is in every two weeks to carry out any medical checks required, respond to referrals made, as well as review and create new care plans. Every child with asthma, any allergies or eczema must have a care plan, which is reviewed annually.

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Dates for your Diary



Monday 9th September - Back to school for pupils in Reception classes

Monday 16th September - Back to school for pupils in Nursery

Tuesday 24th September - Individual/Sibling photos to be taken

Friday 18th October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October - Half Term

Monday 28th October - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 29th October - Back to school for all pupils - Term 2



Mrs S Khan
Head Teacher

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An A-Z of School Attendance - A Guide for Parents/Carers

- A. **Appointments** - Nearly all surgeries are open late and at weekends. Please try to arrange appointments after school. If in school time please bring your appointment card into school.
- B. **Being Bullied?** - Please don't keep your child off school. There are many people at school that are trained and want to help so please speak to someone.
- C. **Casual Absence** - This means that children are being kept off school when they don't need to be. For example: to go shopping for birthday presents or clothes. Non-attendance is monitored.
- D. **Discuss** - Discuss any problems you have with a member of staff who may be able to help.
- E. **Encourage** - Encourage your child to take part in out of school hours clubs, or come to Breakfast Club. It allows them to experience new activities and meet new friends.
- F. **Friendships** - Friendships at school can stay with your child for the rest of their life. Days off school make it harder for your child to fit back into friendship groups.
- G. **Good Attendance** - This is the secret to your child's success. Good attendance is anything above 96.1%.
- H. **Happy Times** - Schools days can be the best time of your child's life. Don't let them miss out.
- I. **INSET** - These are teacher training days. Your child is not at school these days so please find out when they are. Be aware that different schools have different INSET days so don't assume these will be the same for children at different schools.
- J. **Jump for Joy!** - Celebrate your child's achievements when they are rewarded for good attendance at school.
- K. **Keep Fit** - A healthy lifestyle means a healthy mind. A nutritious breakfast will give your child the energy they need for the rest of the day. Drinking plenty of water helps concentration too!
- L. **Lateness** - Being late disrupts teaching and learning. School starts at 8:55am. Arriving early to school will set them up for the day ready to learn!
- M. **Missed Minutes** - As little as 15 minutes late every day is equal to two weeks of lost learning per academic year.
- N. **New Starters** - It is important to get children into good patterns of attendance from an early age so these can be carried through into later life.
- O. **Opportunities** - It is not all Maths, English and Science. School is about learning how to be good citizens and treating others with respect.
- P. **Praise** - Always look for the 'positives' in testing situation rather than the 'negatives'. Have a system at home to reward and praise good behaviour.
- Q. **Question** - Ask your child about rewards they may have received for good school attendance and work.

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- R. **Ring!** - Ring the school as soon as you know your child is going to be absent or late. If we have not received this information we will contact you.
- S. **SATs** - These are very important tests. Absence leading up to or during this time puts your child at a significant disadvantage.
- T. **Term Time Holidays** - Children are out of school 175 days of the year, so there are plenty of days to take a holiday. Holidays during term time can cause your child to fall behind with their progress and attainment.
- U. **Unauthorised Absence** - This means that the school won't authorise the time your child has been away from school. For example: holidays taken during term time or absences with no reasonable explanation.
- V. **Volunteer** - Help parents you know if they are struggling to get their child into school on time.
- W. **Website** - Check our website for information on diary dates holidays, school opening and closing times and information on what is going on at school at www.vicarage.newham.sch.uk.
- X. **Xxxx** - Show your child love and encouragement by asking them about their school day.
- Y. **You** - You are legally responsible for ensuring your child attends school. Your child will thank you one day for encouraging them to attend and achieve good results.
- Z. **Zzzz** - Early bedtimes make for early mornings and a better start to the school day.