



2nd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Following the recent government announcement, we will welcome back all children (Nursery to year 6) on Tuesday, 9th March 2021. In accordance with the most recent guidance we will have children working in phase bubbles as follows:

- Nursery and Reception (EYFS)
- Year 1 and Year 2 (Key Stage 1)
- Year 3 and Year 4 (Lower Key Stage 2)
- Year 5 and Year 6 (Upper Key Stage 2)

It is reassuring to see that the lockdown measures have worked and the rate of infection is going down across the country. Below is the some recent information about the falling infection rate in Newham.

NEWHAM WEEKLY COVID-19 STATISTICS Newham London

Updated: 17th February for period 7th to 13th February www.newham.gov.uk/coviddashboard

Second wave cases
Number of cases and 7 day average (line)

Vaccination: first doses given up to 17th February

- 36,758 1st dose given in total (9.8% of Newham population). Increase of 6,837 (22.9%) from total tests last week. Of these:
 - Cohort 1: 236 to older residents in care (91%)
 - Cohort 2: 5,033 to 80+ (91.5%)
 - Cohort 3: 8,552 to 75+ years (64.3%)
 - Cohort 4: 12,312 to 70+ (80%), excluding CEV coverage
- 17,609 to under 70 years, including frontline health and social care workforce

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The number of new cases of Covid-19 in Newham has again fallen substantially (by 46%). Also, positivity has fallen, both of which are really good news. 36,758 first dose vaccines have been given and 91% of the top priority (care home residents) are vaccinated with one dose.

Community transmission continues and the new strain of Covid-19 is highly transmissible. More rapid testing is becoming available across Newham for anyone who needs to leave home for work or caring.

Although rates have fallen substantially they remain much higher than we need them to be.

- Please ensure your face is covered when going to shops or other indoor places
- If you have been invited for a vaccination please take it up and if you know someone who needs support to get a vaccine please help them to do so.

Jason Strelitz
Director of Public Health
London Borough of Newham
17th February 2021

Cases
(Positive tests)

This week
436

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Last week:
802

34,004
total cases to date

Rate of cases
(per 100,000 persons)

This week
120

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Last week:
237

Pillar 2 daily testing:
(per 100,000 persons)

This week
442

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Last week:
541

267,902
tests to date

Positive tests (%)
Total weekly tests: 11,250

This week
3.9

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Last week:
8.6

11,250
tests last week

Data source: Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer, (PHE). Rendered on 17th Feb for data reported up to and including 13th. Due to reporting delays the most recent 4 days are excluded. 1 Numbers for the previous week may be different from last week's dashboard as new data can change counts for previous weeks. 2 Pillar 2 only

https://www.newham.gov.uk

Children will work in phase bubbles, however the adjustments we made in September will continue with the timings of the school day and to the location for dropping off and collecting your child as listed below:

Class	Timings	Location
Nursery	8:30 am - 11:30 am	Drop off via Nursery gate collect via Nursery gate
Reception	8:30 am - 3:05 pm	
Years 1 and 2	8:40 am - 3:15 pm	Drop off at main gate Howard Road and leave via Arthur Road exit
Years 3 and 4	8:40 am - 3:15 pm	Drop off at gate located at the back of the dinner hall leave via Arthur Road exit
Years 5 and 6	8:50 am - 3:25 pm	Drop off at main gate Howard Road and leave via Arthur Road exit

It is important that we continue to do our part to support the fight against this pandemic. Therefore the following will be in place to keep our children, staff and parents safe:

- All parents to wear a face covering/mask while on the school premises unless exempt
- Adults working in the school will wear a face covering/mask in situations where they are not able to socially distance from other adults in school that are not in their bubble, however children are not required to wear a face covering
- All staff now have access to lateral flow (rapid) tests that they are able to complete at home so that we can identify any staff who have the virus but might be asymptomatic. The government also announced testing for families of school age children from the 8th March, however the details of this is not currently clear https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week?utm_source=1%20March%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19
- We will continue the one-way system on the playground for dropping off and collecting children and we ask that all adults follow this system strictly. Adhere to social distancing by the classroom doors and do not go past the yellow lines that will be in place.
- Only 1 parent/adult from each household is allowed to drop off and collect children; please do not arrive with friends or other family members to drop off or collect your children
- Only 2 adults allowed into the school office at any point. Please email the school in the first instance or call if you have a query.

Each child from Reception to Year 6 should also come to school with a school bag and PE kit. We will return to having school bags in school so that pupils can take home reading books, notices, etc. The children should also continue to attend with a water bottle as the water fountains will not be available to drink from.

Inset Day

In order to prepare for the children's return we will have an afternoon of non-screen activities for the children on Wednesday, 3rd March. This means instead of the normal activities, teachers will provide some non-screen activities for children that do not require feedback and means that hopefully they are able to go outside and engage in some exciting activities. In addition, we will be taking our **final teacher training (inset) day on Monday, 8th March 2021**. **There will be no Google Classroom on this day and no provision for key worker/vulnerable children.**

Restorative Curriculum

We realize that this has been a challenging time for everyone and though we have been able to see many of the children weekly on Google Meet it is not the same as being face to face in a classroom; therefore will be supporting the children's return by working on a restorative curriculum that provides opportunities for the children to come together again and reconnect, share their worries, concerns and anxieties and give thanks to all the things that we have now and can look forward to in the future. As always our faith will be at the centre of that work, but we will also be using some key texts with the children to further support this a list of the books we will use is attached.

God Bless,

Natasha Scott
Head Teacher