



Lister Community School
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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher of Lister Community School. It is an absolute privilege to have been asked to lead the school into the next phase of its improvement and growth. At the heart of my vision for the school is a commitment to high standards, inclusion and social mobility.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Anthony Wilson for his contribution and leadership of the school over the past decade. I am sure that you would agree with me that the school has been transformed with year-on-year improved outcomes for our students at GCSE. I wish Anthony Wilson all the best in his new role as the CEO of Newham Community Schools Trust.

Having worked for 7 years at Lister Community School, I have deep insight and understanding of the school community and our school's incredible potential. As a father to two school-age children myself, I know that parents/carers will now want a period of stable and consistent leadership at Lister Community School. We have a number of exciting plans being developed ahead of the 2021/22 academic year, but we will limit the number of significant changes, focusing on getting everyday routines and habits consistent and ensuring high quality teaching and learning. We are also committed to improving the school environment and a significant building expansion project is now well underway.

My commitment to our students and parents/carers is to be a visible and approachable Headteacher; one who truly champions our students and their many successes, and is committed to the long-term success of the school. In doing so, I am keen to harness the views and energy of our parents/carers and will be holding regular parent forums in the months ahead. You can be assured that as Headteacher, I will strive to create the best education for your child/children whilst they are members of our school community. Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

I look forward to working with you all in the coming months and years. In the meantime, do take good care of yourselves and your loved ones and have a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely

Kunal Vora
Headteacher

START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AUTUMN 2021:

As per the updated DfE guidelines, your child will need to do two lateral flow tests at school before fully returning to school. Please see below for the details of when your child is being tested and when they will fully return to school.

In-School Lateral Flow Testing Programme for All Year Groups

Friday 3rd September (Test 1) & Monday 6th September (Test 2)

- Please tear off and sign the permission slip below **which we will need to authorise the testing of your child**
- Please send your child to school at their assigned time and **in full school uniform** via the named gate entrance as set out below.
- They should bring their **permission slip** to authorise the administering of the Lateral Flow test as well as their **reading book**.
- **Students will be sent home once they have been tested.**

Year Group (No. of Students)	Arrival Time	Gate Entrance
7	8.25am	Main Gate
11	9.00am	North Gate
10	11.00am	Main Gate
8	11.30am	North Gate
9	1.30pm	Main Gate

Full Return to school

Date	Year Group	Arrival time
Tuesday 7th September	Year 7 only	8.25am
Wednesday 8th September	All year groups	8.25am

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This slip must be returned **when your child comes to school for their test on Friday 3rd September.**

I give permission for my child _____ in year _____ in tutor group _____ to take a Lateral Flow test.

Parent/Carer name: _____ Signature : _____

School Term Dates 2021/22	
Autumn Term 1	Friday 3rd September to Friday 22nd October
Half Term	Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October
Autumn Term 2	Monday 1st November to Friday 17th December <i>Friday 26th November - School Closure for a Staff Training Day</i>
Winter Break	Monday 20th December to Tuesday 4th January
Spring Term 1	Wednesday 5th January to Friday 11th February
Half Term	Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February
Spring Term 2	Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April
Spring Break	Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April
Summer Term 1	Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May <i>Monday 2nd May - School Closure for a Bank Holiday</i>
Half Term	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Summer Term 2	Monday 6th June to Wednesday 20th July

School Meals and Parent Pay

If your child is not currently in receipt of free meals and you feel you may be eligible, please apply online at <https://www.newham.gov.uk/pages/services/free-school-meals.aspx> or contact us for more information or assistance with your application. Please top up your child's Parent Pay account at <https://www.parentpay.com/> so they can buy a lunch for £2.30 or send them to school with a healthy packed lunch.

Reminder: Healthy Eating Expectations

We know that diet has a significant effect on children's physical and emotional development, as well as their ability to study. Junk food and foods with high sugar content deplete energy levels and the ability to concentrate for extended periods of time.

The following foods are therefore banned on school site:

- Big bags of sweets or crisps;
- Caffeinated drinks and fizzy drinks;
- Large cartons of fruit juice;
- Whole packets of biscuits.

Behaviour

Lister Community School seeks to provide the highest possible standard of education for all our pupils and to provide a world class education for young people in Newham. In order to achieve this, we

attach the highest importance to ensuring a safe environment and the safety of all members of the school community.

Lister Community School is committed to creating a calm and orderly environment where exemplary behaviour is at the heart of productive learning. Everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct by adhering to the three core values:

1. always aiming for excellence;
2. treating others with kindness, politeness and consideration;
3. accepting responsibility for their own conduct and not making excuses.

Lister School Uniform

Please remember to send your child to school in perfect school uniform, further clarification on expectations can be found here on the school website:

<https://lister.newham.sch.uk/our-schools/lister-uniform/>



School Uniform

Blazer

School Blazer with House Colours worn at all times in the school building. Removed with permission from class teacher during lessons.

Tie

House Coloured Tie, long enough to reach the top of school trousers or shirt with a thin knot.

Hijab (if worn)

Plain black.

Shirt

Plain white, tucked in, all buttons done up. A short sleeved shirt can be worn in summer.

Jumper

Option plain black V-neck jumper with Lister Logo.



Trousers

Black tailored trousers (with plain black belt if required.)

Skirt

Black tailored skirt, knee length or longer.

Shoes

Plain black shoes with black laces. No coloured laces or stitching or plimsolls.

Outdoor Clothing

Coats and other outdoor clothing to be worn outside only. Black woollen hats can be worn outdoor.

Jewellery and Make-Up

Only small plain studs or sleepers may be worn by those with pierced ears. No other jewellery at all. Make-up should be minimal and discreet. No nail varnish.

Student Equipment

In order that students are able to engage fully with every lesson and make progress, it is essential that they attend school fully equipped to learn. All students are therefore expected to have the following items:

- Clear plastic pencil case
- Black pen and spare pen
- Pencil, Ruler, Rubber
- Green pen
- Green highlighter
- Pink highlighter
- Mini-whiteboard pen
- Glue stick
- Scientific calculator (Casio FX-83GT Plus Scientific Calculator)

Additionally, students MUST ensure that they have their PE kit and/or musical instrument with them on those days where they have PE and/or Music lessons and/or tuition.

Students must carry their planner and a reading book with them at all times.

Electronic Devices

Mobile phones are a part of everyday life but can cause problems in schools:

- they may be stolen
- they may be misused
- they may be a distraction

If your child brings their mobile phone to school it must remain switched off at all times and kept safely in student bags, out of sight. Students must not keep mobile phones in their blazer pockets.

The above applies to all electronic devices including headphones, ipods and game stations. These will all be confiscated for a week if they cause a distraction or are in use by students.

Reminder: Healthy School Streets Programme

A reminder that as part of Newham Council's policy to improve the street environment outside all schools, cars cannot enter the roads surrounding Lister Community School, Plaistow Primary School & Southern Road Primary School at the following times, without incurring a penalty charge notice:

- 8am to 9.30am
- 2.30pm to 4.30pm

The ONLY cars which will be allowed to enter the zone during these times without paying a fine will be those who live in the zone, black cabs, emergency vehicles and Blue Badge holders who have applied for an exemption. Further information about Newham's Healthy School Streets Programme can be found on their website - www.newham.gov.uk/schools-education/healthy-school-streets

Please also note that parking is not available at our site.