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Dear Parent/Carers,

Following the recent government announcement, we will welcome back all children (Nursery to year 6) on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. In accordance with the most recent guidance we will have children working in phase bubbles as follows:

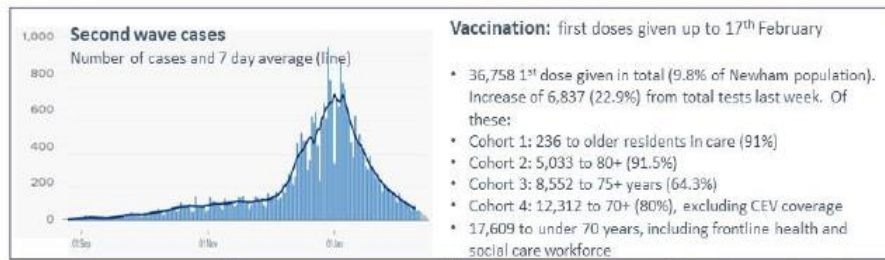
- Nursery and Reception (EYFS)
- Year 1 and Year 2 (Key Stage 1)
- Year 3 and Year 4 (Lower Key Stage 2)
- Year 5 and Year 6 (Upper Key Stage 2)

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 most recent information about the falling infection rate in Newham.

## NEWHAM WEEKLY COVID-19 STATISTICS

Updated: 17<sup>th</sup> February for period 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February

[www.newham.gov.uk/coviddashboard](http://www.newham.gov.uk/coviddashboard)



### 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  
17<sup>th</sup> February 2021



Cases (Positive tests)	Rate of cases (per 100,000 persons)	Pillar 2 daily testing: (per 100,000 persons)	Positive tests (%) Total weekly tests: 11,250
<b>This week</b> 436 ↓ <b>Last week:</b> 802	<b>This week</b> 120 ↓ <b>Last week:</b> 237	<b>This week</b> 442 ↓ <b>Last week:</b> 541	<b>This week</b> 3.9 ↓ <b>Last week:</b> 8.6
34,004 total cases to date		267,902 tests to date	11,250 tests last week

Data source: Covid-19 Situational Awareness Explorer, (PHE). Rendered on 17<sup>th</sup> Feb for data reported up to and including 13<sup>th</sup>. 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>



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However, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](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. The Bow Street and Maryland Park entrances to the school will be open for entering and exiting as usual. **All parents need to drop and collect their children and keep to the one way system, please do not stop to talk to other parents while on the school premises; this is quite a big problem and we need your support to make this work.**
- Adhere to social distancing by the classroom doors and do not go pass 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.
- The children will continue to use the pencil cases that they did in September to store their own equipment to ensure that children are not sharing equipment.

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 be taking our **final teacher training (inset) day on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. There will be no **Google Classroom** on this day and no provision for key worker/vulnerable children.



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### Breakfast and Tea Time Club

Breakfast and Tea Time Club will continue as normal from Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure that you book by midnight on the 7<sup>th</sup> March if you would like your child to attend Breakfast or Tea Time Club the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The afterschool clubs that take place from 3:30-4:30 will also start again on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. These are the clubs that were booked before the Christmas break and were supposed to start in January. If you booked your child on one of these clubs the clubs will take place as on the same day and time as advertised in December.

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Monday	Tennis Years 5-6		Girl's Football Years 3-4		Maths Year 2		Fun Sports Years 1-2	
Tuesday	Football Years 1-2		Maths Year 1		Basketball Years 5-6		Baking Club Year 3-4	Handball Years 1-2
Wednesday	Multi Sports Years 3-4		Bowling Years 1-2		Gymnastics Years 3-4 From 8:00 - 8:40 am		Karate Years 3-4	Netball Years 5
Thursday	Tennis Years 1-2		Quad Kids Years 1 & 2		Football boys Years 5		Maths Years 3/4	
Friday	Athletics Years 5-6		Dodgeball Years 1-2					

We realize that these clubs will run for a shorter time than normal so in recognition of this we will refund parents who booked one of the after school clubs above, £4. **This will be refunded to your parental contribution item line as this is the only item line that all children in the school have access to.** We will write to you before the end of term with the new after school club offers for the first half of the summer term.

### 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 work; a list of the books we will use is attached.

God Bless,



Natasha Scott

Head Teacher



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