



Sunday, 21 February 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Half Term 4

This is a brief note to advise you that we will be continuing with online school sessions for the next two weeks. I will advise you of any changes that will take place on the road to 8th March as soon as I can following the government announcement on Monday. It does look like the advice will be to see some kind of return from 8th March, but the details are too vague to be clear now. Whatever happens, Year 11 and 13 will be the first to return if we come back. This will give us the chance to run their mock examinations in school.

We will be continuing our current Zoom lesson schedule for the next two weeks until we know what will happen next week. The Zoom timetable remains unaltered for the present.

We will continue to keep the school open for the children of key worker parents and pupils in need of particular support at a time when families are under very real pressure. I am proud to say we are currently providing a live timetable of lessons in school for close to 80 pupils daily. We are able to deliver taught lessons as well as provide access to MS Teams and Zoom sessions for our pupils in school. We expect more pupils to require access to the school sessions as we approach Easter.

If you would like to seek a place for your child in school during lockdown please contact the school reception or contact Jennifer.copestake@eastlondonscienceschool.co.uk for Years 7, 8 and 9 or Beatrice.ubaka@eastlondonscienceschool.co.uk for Years 10 and 11.

I was incredibly pleased with the online tests run for Years 7 – 10 before half term. They were a great success with well over 90% attendance. You will receive results shortly. I very much hope your child has done well. I will update you further as we progress towards Easter. We are working on plans for online parent feedback sessions. We have missed the opportunity to talk to you all face to face. More details on this soon.

One good piece of news is that the rate of infection in the local area has definitely turned a corner. We very much hope this signals the end of lockdown and a return to normality as soon as possible. However, we remain vigilant and would ask you to continue to keep us informed of any pupils who either have a positive COVID test or need to isolate for medical reasons.

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Your support is vital as it enables us to continue to deliver the best education, we can for your child during this extended lockdown period. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.

I wish you and your family well as we begin to see the possibility of a much happier summer.

Your Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Perks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop on the left side and a smaller loop on the right side.

David Perks

Principal

East London Science School

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