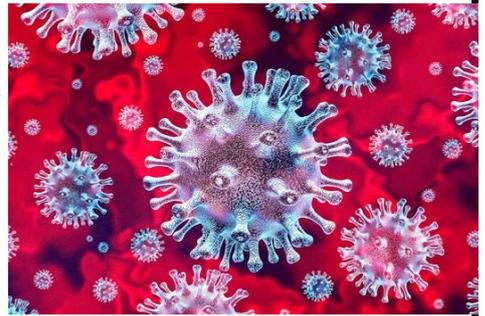


UNPRECEDENTED TIMES

Who could have imagined 6 months ago that schools would effectively be shut by a virus—and for months at a time! I know that a number of our families have been personally affected by Covid-19 and things will never be the same for you. Our thoughts have been with you and we will do our best to make sure your children are fully supported and get the appropriate attention they require when back in school.



More information over the page, but it is important that you let the school know if there have been any experiences we should be aware of during this period when we have not had day to day contact with you.

However, the world did not stop ...

It is important to know the schools still had to go about their usual business the past five months. All the necessary events continued and took place.

Headteacher appointment—Central Park went out to advert for the permanent appointment of a Headteacher and Paul Taylor was successful in that process. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Paul upon his permanent appointment.



Internal Audit—Central Park had confirmation that the internal audit back in February resulted in a judgement of 'substantial assurance', the highest level.

'Education for Change'—The Black Lives Matter agenda over the recent months has affected all of us in different ways. Lando has been central to devising a programme aimed to educate to eliminate racism in our schools. A programme that is growing momentum, with Local Authority backing. We want our schools in the Federation to be beacons of excellence in this area, pupils at the heart of facilitating this change. More details will be announced next term.

Births, hellos and goodbyes—Information of exact staff changes will have been outlined in individual school newsletters but I wanted to just mention a few. A couple of long serving staff at Dersingham leave to take up promotions in new schools. Emma was successful in appointment to a Deputy Headteacher position in a Newham school. Hopefully she will not be a loss to our Federation as we grow in size (see below). Ainsley moves out of Borough, closer to home, to take on a Phase Leader position. At Central Park, Leena Prabhakumar is leaving after nearly 30 years at the school to work abroad in an international school. A number of staff have also given birth and begun maternity leave. Congratulations to all those mentioned and others who will be leaving or joining our Federation.



Federation Growth—Whilst we have not been able to do anything formally to expand the Federation, work has been taking place. Both Emma Griffin and Rachel Speed have been working with Calverton Primary. Emma has now secured a DHT role in the school. Federation Governors and Calverton Governors are keen to progress to formal consultation and we hope this can take place once the schools have settled into the new term. All being well we should expand the Federation to 3 schools during Spring 2021.



SUMMER SCHEMES

The schools will be formally closed over the summer with only some targeted events happening, The Local Authority will imminently announce their plans for school schemes—a programme to support children during the summer holiday. We understand their will be a more targeted offer for key workers. As soon as we have any details we will send these out to you but also do check the newham.gov.uk website.



