

HM Government
NO EARLIER THAN 21 JUNE
At least 5 weeks after Step 3

STEP 4

<p>BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Remaining businesses, including nightclubs (subject to review)</p>	<p>SOCIAL CONTACT</p> <p>No legal limit (subject to review)</p>	<p>LARGER EVENTS</p> <p>No legal limit on life events (subject to review) Larger events (subject to review)</p>	<p>TRAVEL</p> <p>Domestic overnight stays (subject to review) International travel (subject to review)</p>
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COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021

ROADMAP OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Another stage in the Government’s Roadmap has just passed. This begins to open up more freedoms in society. Step 4 is fast approaching as hi-lighted in the image. However, in schools there has been very little change to the guidance we have to follow. One change since last week is the ability to arrange an educational residential. Most parents will be aware that Newham owns a residential site out in Essex—Fairplay House. The schools are considering their options for educational visits and overnight residen-

tials next term. Any visits will be decided following a detailed risk assessment for the whole activity, including getting there and back, so you can be assured that the safety of children and staff has been thought about carefully.

I described in the last newsletter how cautious we must all be in Newham, especially as it is a ‘young’ borough with many people unvaccinated. We still follow the advice from Newham Public Health. At the time of putting the newsletter together, NHS England has announced those who are aged 32 years and over are now eligible for the vaccine. Vaccination is a personal choice but I encourage all those eligible to sign up for the jab. More recently there has been the worrying news of variants of concern, the latest being the Indian variant. Thankfully the vaccine appears to work well with these variants of concern. Whilst Newham currently has low levels of positive cases it will not take too much social mixing to see a risk of community transmission rising again. Therefore continue to follow the key messages for as long as necessary, and beyond if you can.

Stay local and work from home if possible

Hands, Face, Space

FRESH AIR

Get tested

Get the vaccine as soon as it's offered - always follow the latest rules

KEEP NEWHAM SAFE

GROWTH OF THE FEDERATION



Parents should be aware that we have been working closely with a 3rd school in the Local Authority and they were considering whether to formally join our Federation. That 3rd school is Calverton Primary School in Custom House and the Governing Board of the school have approached the Federation Board asking to join in a hard federation arrangement. At the moment the school is out to consultation with their community, parents and staff, and whilst there are some worries about what it means for individuals initially there has been a positive response. The consultation runs until just after half-term. At this point the individual Governing Boards meet to discuss anything that has been raised during the consultation before coming together to make a decision. If the decision is to proceed then both of the Governing Boards will be dissolved and a new Federation Board begun. Please look out for opportunities to be part of the new Board when we ask for parent and staff elections.

If everything goes smoothly, CPD Schools Federation will become 3 schools. Like when we set up the Federation, there should be little change to the running of either school but the senior staff will be used at times to support school improvement in the whole Federation. We believe this is an excellent opportunity for growth, bring about further efficiencies and learning from another ‘Good’ school.

BUDGETS

Both schools have had their draft budgets approved by the Federation Board. Each school has built up a healthy reserve and been able to set a balanced budget with some contingency. However, like most schools nationally, we are now feeling the reliance to set a budget with a carry forward and over the next couple of years the schools need to find savings. The Federation Board have been very clear that the schools need to try and find these savings from areas that have little impact on the quality of teaching in the first instance. Whilst that sounds obvious it will be difficult to do so, especially as

we already have a streamlined staffing structure.



EU SETTLED SCHEME

I reminded parents that the deadline for EU citizens to complete their settlement paperwork is fast approaching, it is now only a matter of weeks. Newham is very keen to help EU citizens who have made Newham their home to remain here. They have a programme of support for anyone who needs help in completing the relevant forms, including bilingual support. Do not lose your right to stay and work in the UK and make sure you register the whole family, it is not just the adults but children too. If you have not done anything yet and need immediate support, please go to www.renewalprogramme.org.uk or email: STAYSETTLEDINNEWHAM@GMAIL.COM.

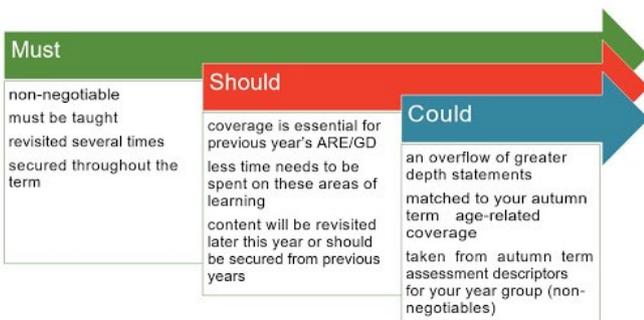
Please act before it is too late.



ATTAINMENT

Both schools recently carried out a 'data drop'. This is when teachers assess the level each child is working at. It will be of no real surprise that the vast majority of children are slightly behind where they are expected to be having had 12 months of disruption to their learning and teaching. A more worrying finding is that those children who were on track to be doing better than expected, greater depth standard, have effectively fallen back to within the expected range.

The schools are carefully analysing this data and have already offered a number of programmes to children most in need of 'catching up'. However, beyond this the schools are looking at how all children will cover the most essential learning in each year group; making sure that if the breadth of curriculum cannot be covered over the next 12 months in detail we would like the children to concentrate on what matters most in more depth.



RELATIONSHIP, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION (RSHE)

Each school delivered programmes from the new RSHE curriculum following our approved policy. The 'entrepreneurial' week was received exceptionally well.

The week particularly focussed on celebrating Black business in our community and beyond. The themes of stereotyping job roles and 'being my best' were covered.

Soon after the half-term we will be looking at the units linked to 'Changing Adolescent Bodies'. We were very keen to make sure that Year 6 pupils leave primary with some basic knowledge in this area. It will also be an opportunity to get feedback from you after the 'This Is Me' week. We trust the week will allay any fears RSHE may have had on the curriculum content for Sex Education but your feedback will continue to shape the programme we offer.

We hope you take the opportunity to view some of the materials and resources being used in the lessons and speak to senior members of staff should you still be concerned. They will inform you of the statutory coverage and talk about the elements that are non-statutory so you can make informed decisions for your child.



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

As travel restrictions begin to lift, please remember our stance on term-time leave—we do not allow it! I also remind you that things can change very quickly and that fact that some of our pupils across the Federation have been stuck abroad for many, many weeks now. Children have missed enough face to face teaching over the past 12 months and the impact is noted opposite; children do not need to miss anymore. Teachers know more than anyone how costly holidays are because we can only take them during traditional school holidays so please make any arrangements you might want to travel during the 6 week break, allowing time for any quarantine requirements upon your return ready for a start back to school on Thursday 2 September.



HALF-TERM

After such a terrible period of bad weather I do hope the sun shines for you next week when you can get to enjoy some of the activities permissible as restrictions ease. As ever, I wish you all a lovely week as you continue to make safe re-connections with family and friends. Enjoy.

Darren Williams, Executive Headteacher

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Hello
Sunshine!

