



Monday 7th September, 2026

Dear Thomas Fairchild Families,

Re: Welcome To The New School Term.
Meet the Teacher Sessions and Key Reminders

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer break. We have been so thrilled to welcome back the children after the summer break. The children have had a fantastic start to the term, settling into their new classrooms and spending time with their teachers and the adults who will be supporting them this year.

A very special welcome goes to all the families who are joining our school community for the first time. We are delighted to have you with us and are truly looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks.

I am thrilled to be starting my role as the Headteacher of Thomas Fairchild. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has embraced the new leadership team with warmth and positivity!

As a reminder, please see our senior leadership team structure for the year ahead. Please feel free to approach us at the gate if you have any questions, queries, or need assistance.:

 Nicole Reid Executive Headteacher	 Sophie Medhurst Interim Headteacher	 Krystal Clarke Interim Deputy Headteacher	 Ella Alford Assistant Headteacher
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As we start a new academic year, I have some important messages and reminders to share with you.

Meet the Teacher

Each year in Autumn term we run **Meet the Teacher** sessions for you to meet your child's new class teacher and receive key information about the year. These sessions will take place in your child's classroom from **3.45pm - 4.15pm** on the dates given below:

- Monday 14th September: Year 1 and Year 2**
- Tuesday 15th September: Year 3 and Year 4**
- Friday 18th September: Year 5 and Year 6**
- Monday 21st September: Nursery and Reception**

These sessions will take place in your child's new classroom. We will ensure that if you attend with your child and they do not wish to remain in the room, there will be provision for them to enjoy books and drawing in another classroom or outside area supervised by members of our staff. For safety reasons, children will not be able to play outside unsupervised.

Attendance, Punctuality and Absences

Thank you for ensuring your child has arrived on time for learning this week. Arriving punctually in the morning allows children to have a settled, positive start to their day. Children should arrive at school by 8.50am each morning. The bell is then rung at **8.55am** and children head straight to their classrooms to begin their learning. Children arriving after 9.00am will be marked as late. The school day finishes at **3.30pm**, unless children attend wraparound provision. Please call the school office before 9.30am each day to share with us the reason for your child's absence should they be off so we can log it on the school registers.

School website

Please remember that all key information including class timetables, curriculum content, homework projects, school policies, clubs information, term dates, news and much more can all be found on our school website: <https://www.thomasfairchild.hackney.sch.uk/>. If you can't find the information you need on the site, then please contact the school office.

School uniform

We expect all children to attend school in the correct school uniform every day. Our uniform can be ordered from [Khalsa online](#) or by telephone (02077293286). As part of their uniform children must wear **black school shoes**, except on their PE days when they should wear plain black or white trainers.

Please ensure that school uniform items, particularly coats, jumpers, cardigans, bags and water bottles are clearly named. We are unable to return unnamed items to pupils. They will be placed on the lost property rail under the canopy by the door to the school atrium.

Healthy Snacks and Items

To help us maintain a safe and positive environment, we would like to share a few important reminders:

- No food products containing nuts or sesame are allowed at school and children must not swap, share or trade their food with others as we have several children in school with severe, life-threatening allergies. This includes nutella products in sandwiches or for after school snacks at pick up. While a snack may be perfectly safe for your child, it could be highly dangerous to another. Please reinforce this "no-sharing" rule at home.
- To support our Healthy School Policy and ensure children have the sustained energy they need for afternoon learning, we ask that packed lunches are well-balanced. These may include sandwiches, wraps or pasta salads, yoghurt, cheese cubes or crackers as well as fruit or veggie sticks (cucumber/carrots). Fizzy drinks or high-sugar energy drinks, sweets, chocolate bars or any nut products (e.g., Nutella, peanut butter) are not permitted.

Fidgets, Mobile Phones, Smart Watches and Items from Home

- We kindly ask that all personal toys, including fidget items, pop-its and trading cards, remain at home. Personal items frequently get lost, misplaced or broken, which causes upset during the school day. A small number of appropriate fidget toys and mindfulness activities are available to children in their classroom calm corners, therefore, there is no need to bring items from home.
- Children are not permitted to have mobile phones or smart watches on their person during the school day. If your child is in Upper Key Stage 2 and you have given permission for them to travel independently to and from school, they must hand any phones and/or smart watches into the school office ready for them to collect at the end of their school day.

We are very excited about the year ahead and we look forward to working closely with you to ensure your children achieve and succeed, in line with our school vision *Excellence for All*. If you have any questions about the start of term, please contact the school office and a member of the team will be in touch with you.

Kind regards,



Sophie Medhurst
Acting Headteacher