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Dear Parents/Carers

As we finish this school year I would like to wish you and your families a good summer break, and particularly wish the Year 6, Year 11 and Year 13 pupils all the best with the next chapter of their education.

I am pleased to tell you that Hackney's maintained schools continue to provide a high quality of education for our children. 99% of our local schools are rated good or better by Ofsted, which places Hackney as one of the best nationally. These results are in the context of an inspection regime that continues to get harder, and Ofsted continuously raising the bar in terms of standards.

Primary outcomes at Year 6 remain strong with 73% of pupils reaching the age-related expectation and 36.7% reaching the higher standard. Secondary outcomes are historically high, and the same is expected this summer when the results are released.

During the school summer holidays we have a number of programmes that your children may be interested in attending.

Firstly, we will once again be teaming up with a number of schools, sports activity providers and community services to offer a wide range of exciting activities and a daily healthy free meal as part of the government-funded Holiday Activities and Food programme. To see where your nearest Holiday Activities and Food programme events are happening, get a detailed schedule of events for each location and eligibility please visit education.hackney.gov.uk/content/holiday-activities-and-food-programme.

We have also recently launched our Young Hackney summer guide which is packed with free activities for children and young people to get involved in throughout July and August. You should have received this in the post as part of Love Hackney. If not, you can access the guide online at www.younghackney.org/summer-activities-guide/.

School Uniform Grant

we know starting year 7 is an exciting time for you. We want to ensure there is one less thing to consider vehicle preparing for that new moment. Those of you with children who are about to go into year 7 may be eligible for a free school uniform grant. To find out if you qualify, the details of the grant and application form can be found at <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/school-uniform-grant-age-11>.

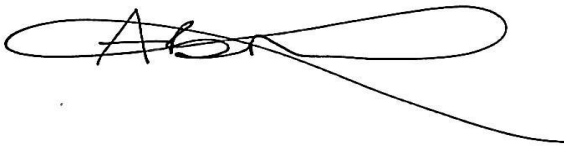
School Attendance Support Service

We are committed to supporting our children to be happy and achieve highly in school. Working together with schools, we have launched our School Attendance Support Service through which all schools can seek extra support for you and for your children if there are any barriers to attendance. Every hour of learning really does matter, and we are providing this free service to all our Hackney schools to make sure we are helping each other to help your child achieve and feel included at school.

Lastly, I want to thank you for your continuing support. It is wonderful to hear about all the ways you are supporting your children at school, from attending events to fundraising, completing surveys and supporting your child at home - it makes such a difference! We were delighted to see so many of you at the 10x10 Programme launch and hope you have found some new activities and experiences to enjoy with your children. You can find more resources and information at <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/10x10-programme-info-parents>.

With very best wishes for a peaceful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely

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