



Nurturing &
growing together

Year Six Autumn Term 2021

'Every child has the right to an education which must develop every child's personality.'
Article 28 and 29



RIGHTS -WE ARE FOCUSING ON RESPECT



Google CLASSROOM



More information about our unique curriculum can be found at

<https://star.newham.sch.uk/our-learning/curriculum/>

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Who is in the Year Group?



- ▶ **Miss Williams** - Phase Group Leader & Assistant Headteacher
- ▶ **Mrs Rizvi** - Year Group Leader
- ▶ **Miss Edwards** - Class Teacher
- ▶ **Miss Ring** - Class Teacher
- ▶ **Mr Villarubia** - Intervention Teacher
- ▶ **Mr Freedman** - Trainee Teacher
- ▶ **Mr John** - Teaching Assistant
- ▶ **Miss Riley** - Teaching Assistant
- ▶ **Miss Coy** - Intervention Teacher

Covid updates



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- ▶ At Star we understand your concerns and have continued procedures such as hand washing and ventilation to keep you, your children and our staff safe.
- ▶ We encourage you to send your children into school unless they are displaying Covid19 symptoms whereby they need to take a PCR test before returning to school.
- ▶ Please make contact with the school office for further support/guidance and email any confirmed covid pupil cases.
covid@star.newham.sch.uk

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Attendance

- ▶ We expect children to come to school every day.
- ▶ Attendance is the key to success for our pupils.
- ▶ Your child only needs to be at home if unwell with a persistent cough or extremely high temperature. You must call the school if your child is unwell.
- ▶ Most winter illnesses, colds or cases of diarrhea only need 48 hours away from school. This is common at this time of year, especially in Reception and Year 1.

Uniform

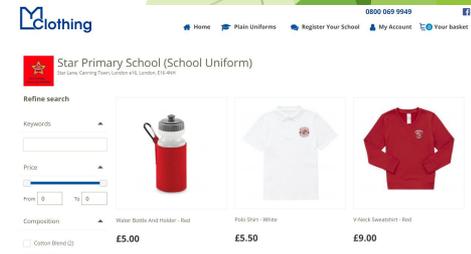
We are proud that our STAR uniform creates a sense of belonging.

Information about school uniform can be found on the school website -

<http://star.newham.sch.uk/information/school-uniform/>

Main school uniform can only be ordered from

<https://myclothing.com/>



NEW PE and Fit Friday options.

For the new school year we are offering families the chance to buy personalised hooded tops for PE days and for FIT Fridays.



FIT FRIDAYS - A personalised red hooded jumper with initials on, to be worn over a red Fit Friday t-shirt.



PE - A personalised black hooded top with initials on, to be worn over white PE t-shirt.



<https://www.personalisedjustforyou.org.uk/>

PE Kit is to be worn to school on PE days



- ▶ PE is every **Thursday**
 - ▶ White PE t-shirt
 - ▶ Black shorts
 - ▶ Black plimsolls/trainers and socks
 - ▶ Black tracksuit bottoms in cold weather
 - ▶ **NEW** Black hooded top (Optional)



FIT Friday



Swimming Kit can be worn under the Fit Friday kit or brought into school in a bag.



Swimming is every **Friday**.

- ▶ Swimming costume/trunks
- ▶ Swimming hat
- ▶ Goggles
- ▶ Towel
- ▶ Carrier bag for wet clothes
- ▶ Hair brush/comb



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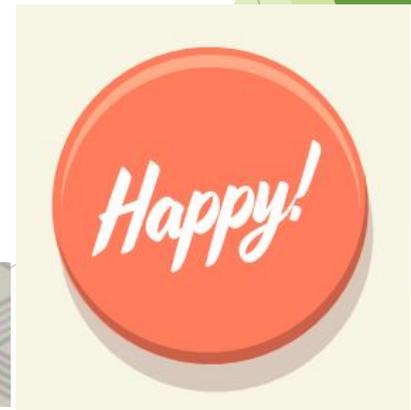
'Every child has the right to an education.' *Article 28*
'Every child has the right to information and to express
their views' *Article 13*



- ▶ We are continuing to use the Happy Centred school programme. This is a scheme of work that will enhance the personal, social, emotional and economic wellbeing and happiness of the Star school community, as well as promoting effective mental health strategies for pupils, parents, teachers and support staff. *We know this is especially important in these challenging times.* [RHSE at Star](#)

The core themes are:

1. [Self-Confidence](#)
2. [Achievement & Success](#)
3. [Positive Relationships](#)
4. [Support](#)
5. [Coping Skills](#)



Tech @ Star Primary



Here at Star we use a variety of technology safely to support our children with their learning, as well as giving them the opportunity to develop a range of technological skills to support them in the future.



IPads



Chromebooks



Computers



Lego Robots



Beebots

Green Screen by Do Ink



Green Screen



iMovie

Need support or advice from the School?



If you would like to speak to a member of staff about any concerns you have about E-Safety, please contact the office to make an appointment with any of the members of staff below.



Mr Norton

Computing Learning Manager



Ms Patel

Computing Lead



Ms Williams

Digital Strategy Manager

As a Rights Respecting School, we believe...



Article 13 (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Article 17 (access to information from the media)

Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Report an incident



If you need to report an incident, please click on the 'CEOP' button on the school website.

School website > Information tab > Online Safety and Security tab > Scroll down to CEOP link button

CEOP is an Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – by the Police, Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) centre. They are dedicated to tackling the abuse and exploitation of children in the real and 'e' world. It is referred to as an online 999.



Need help or advice?

Go to the Star Primary School Website: www.star.newham.sch.uk

Click on the 'Information' tab at the top.

Click on the 'Online Safety and Security' link in the Information menu.



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www.star.newham.sch.uk

2. Click on the 'Information' tab at the top.

2. Click on the 'Online Safety and Security' tab.

Online Safety and Security

On this page you will find a range of information about our Online Safety views and values, how we can work together to ensure our children are always safe online, other useful information for Parents as well as our Computing and E-Safety Policy.



Online Safety

Useful information for parents

7 Connection Topics

The App Store

Family: Better Rules

INSTAGRAM

LINE STREAMING

ROBLOX

Star Primary School Computing & E-Safety Policy

Online Safety and Security



On this page you will also find information and advice about what you can do if you are ever in need of support and a range of support available to you.

Help! What should I do?

To keep yourself safe when using the internet and mobile devices use these simple rules:

Never give out personal details to online 'friends'. Use a nickname when logging on and don't share full name, email address, mobile number, school name and any photos – any picture or video online can be changed or shared without permission.

Be aware of "stranger danger". People online can pretend to be someone else to gain your trust and confidence. Don't keep experiences secret – share your online experiences with family or friends – remember your real friends can help

Beware of what you share (i.e. no inappropriate words, images or videos). **Think:** "Would I be embarrassed if my family or friends saw this?"

Learn how to respond to negative words, messages, images or video that upset you. Tell a trusted adult and then take steps to avoid this being repeated...

Delete spam, junk emails and texts that are not true. Don't reply or send them to anyone else. When in doubt ask a trusted adult how to deal with it.

Don't open files sent from people you don't know. They could contain a virus, or worse – an inappropriate image or film.

Talk to a trusted adult before responding to any suggestions that make you feel uncomfortable. An online 'friend' is anyone you have not met in real life; no matter how long you have been friends with them.

Remember that online 'friends' can lie and will try to convince and influence you 'to do things that you would not normally do'.

Keep online 'mates' online. Never meet up with any online 'friends' without an adult you trust.

Know how to block or "unfriend" anyone who makes them feel unhappy online and report any behaviour that you feel uncomfortable with.

REMEMBER:

- It's never too late to tell someone when someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable.

Places to go for help and advice



Online Safety Portal for Parents – Digital Parenting (Vodafone)

- Online portal designed for parents with simple, easy to follow practical advice about online safety for their children and adults.
- E-mag provides tips on talking to children about Online Safety.
- Advice on protection from online grooming, cyberbullying, sexual exploitation, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content.
- 'How to Guides' to secure your online safety.



Online Safety Portal for Children, Parents and Teachers – Childnet International

- Online safety advice for children, parents, carers and anyone who works with children
- Annual training sessions and focussed **internet safety campaigns programme for children**
- Childnet offers advice to adults and children on how avoid difficulties and stay safe online.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – Kid Smart

- An award-winning internet safety programme for children
- Kidsmart gives advice to adults and children on how to stay safe online.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – Internet Matters (BT, Sky, TalkTalk and Virgin Media)

- Advice for parents to access simple, easy and practical advice about online safety for their children, right through from pre-school to teens.
- Tips on protecting children from online grooming, cyberbullying, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content. It is set up by .



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – Esafety, Safeguarding & Digital Literacies

- Resources, guidance and news relating to digital literacies, safeguarding and esafety.
- Updated daily using social media to identify and source news and materials.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – NSPCC

- Online Safety, Esafety, Share Aware, Netaware
- Helpful advice and tools for parents and children.
- Help and resources for adults to educate and explain how to stay safe online.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – by the Childline, CEOP and National Crime Agency.

- Supporting materials, activities and links to educate children and adults about Online Safety.
- Guidance on how to deal with Child Exploitation and how to enhance online protection.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Schools – by the Police, Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) centre.

- Multi-agency service dedicated to tackling the abuse and exploitation of children in the real and 'e' world.
- Referred to as an online 999.
- Advice on a range of issues such as viruses, hacking and dealing with bullying online.



Online Safety Portal for Parents and Children – by Microsoft.

- Advice and support to help protect children and vulnerable adults from online abuse.

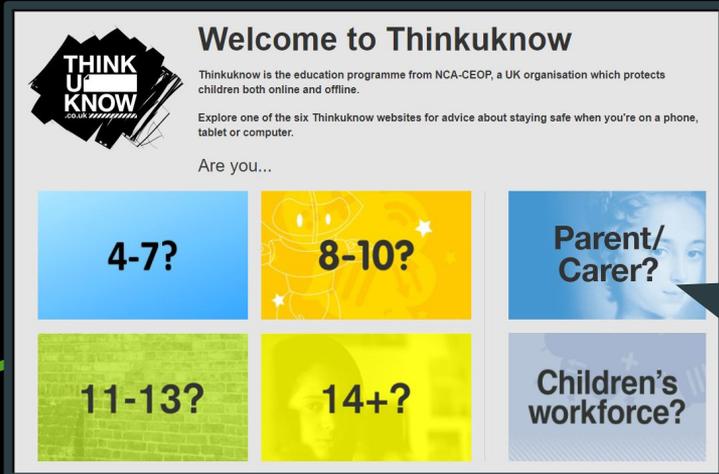


Online Safety Portal for all users – by Google

- Website offering advice to all users of the internet.

Home-School online-Safety Learning

If you would like to support your children with learning about online safety please see the 'Thinkuknow' website where you can complete home-learning activities with your children.



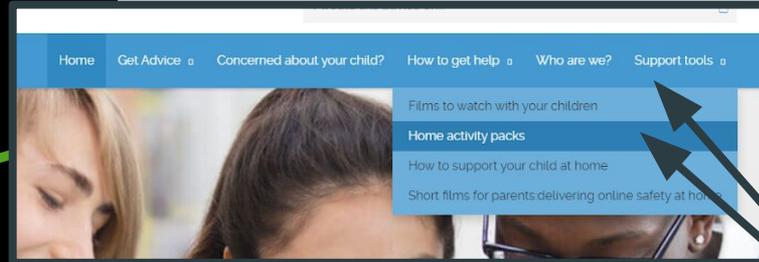
THINK UK NOW
WELCOME TO THINKUKNOW

Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

Explore one of the six Thinkuknow websites for advice about staying safe when you're on a phone, tablet or computer.

Are you...

- 4-7?
- 8-10?
- 11-13?
- 14+?
- Parent/Carer?
- Children's workforce?



Home Get Advice Concerned about your child? How to get help Who are we? Support tools

- Films to watch with your children
- Home activity packs
- How to support your child at home
- Short films for parents delivering online safety at home

1. Click on Parent/Carer tab

2. Click on Support tools > Home activity packs

Year Six Secondary School Transition

We will now present some additional information about applying to secondary school. If you have any questions about your secondary school application and school allocation please email:

year6@star.newham.sch.uk

Miss Clarke (Pastoral Care Team) can help you with any additional information as well as support you with your application.



*Applying for secondary schools for
September 2022*



How to register:

The slides about how to register have been shared on ParentMail.

The website is

www.eadmissions.org.uk

If you are not sure how to register your child, speak to the office staff.

A screenshot of the eAdmissions website interface. At the top, it says "Welcome to eAdmissions". Below this are three main buttons: "First time visitors" (purple), "Returning visitors" (blue), and "Find schools" (grey). Each button has an icon and a "Register" or "Sign in" link. Below these buttons is a teal box titled "Important information" containing text about school places for September 2021, including primary, junior, secondary, nursery, and technical college options. At the bottom of the teal box, it states the website is funded by 33 London authorities and Surrey County Council, and provides a notice of unavailability on Saturday 2 November.

Welcome to eAdmissions

First time visitors

Create a new account.



[Register](#)



Returning visitors

Sign into an existing account.



[Sign in](#)

Find schools

In your area.



[Find](#)

Important information

Apply here for a school place for the year starting September 2021. You can apply for a place in:

- A Primary school (Reception)
- A Junior school (Year 3)
- A Secondary school (Year 7)

In some areas you can apply for a place in:

- A Nursery class or school (Age 3+)
- A University Technical College (Year 10)

This website is funded and supported by 33 London authorities and Surrey County Council.

Please be aware that this website will be unavailable on Saturday 2 November at 11.00 until 13.30 for essential planned maintenance.

National Closing Date



Sunday 31st October 2021

Please make sure you have applied for a place at a secondary school for your child before this date.

Who needs to apply to secondary school?



- Parents/carers of every child in Year 6 must submit an application.
- The law does not allow Local Authorities to reserve a place at a child's local school or even the school where their sibling or siblings attend or used to attend!
- An application must be received for a child to be considered for a place at any school. These can be schools in Newham or in another borough or county.

What to do before deciding on a school:



• Open evenings: attend as many open evenings as possible, not just the schools you were first thinking about. It is important that you attend as many open evenings as possible in Newham even if you were not considering the schools. Sometimes schools may be very different when you visit to what you may have read or heard about from other people. **Judge for yourself!**

• Location and travel:

- Where are the schools you are interested in?
- Remember home to school distance is the tiebreaker for many schools.
- Will travelling there be easy so your child can arrive on time everyday?
- Would they be able to walk or cycle to school even in bad weather?
- Can you afford the cost of your child's travel if they cannot be reached on foot or by bike?

All this information is really important especially if you are thinking of applying for schools that are not local to your home.

Should I research the school?

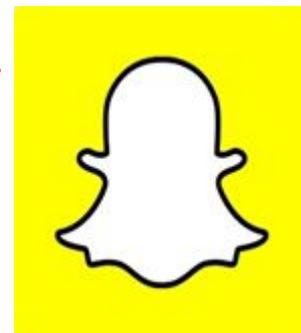


Research is not essential but parents/carers may choose to consider

- **Gather views from those you respect and will have the child's best interest at heart:** speak to the child, family, friends and the child's class teacher to get their views and opinions. But remember parents/carers themselves have the final say not other people!
- **Progress 8 and examination results:** Progress 8 is an added value measure that aims to capture the progress of children from the end of primary to the end of secondary rather than just on the day of an exam.
- **School websites and news articles:** school websites are an excellent source of information, you can see how the school presents themselves and find lots of important up to date information about what is going on in the school.
- **Ofsted reports:** Ofsted reports are important but remember they are only a reflection of inspection day. This may have been completed many years ago and things may have changed significantly since it was published.



Do not use social media in your preference decision making! With the exception of school official accounts. It is likely to present a biased view so could adversely impact on your personal decision!



What not to do:



For all parents/carers, the priority should be to achieve the best outcome for your child's future needs without creating an impossible task.

Don't

- Miss the deadline for on time applications – late applications don't often get one of their preferences and all popular schools are filled with on time applicants.
- Ignore the advice of the local authority and schools – they have done it for many years so really do know the process.
- Choose only to attend the open evening of a few schools
- Pay for advice, any questions you have can be answered by your primary school – when they don't know they will find out.
- Name unachievable preferences.
- Listen to rumours and gossip.
- Convince yourself the local schools aren't good enough for your child.

Now you know your preferences:



What order?

The order schools are named in is known as 'Rank' order.

1st preference must be the school the applicant most wants and so on. The law does not allow local authorities to reserve places even if a family has other children attending a school or it is their local school. To be considered you must apply!

How many preferences?

The Local Authority strongly recommends that all applicants name **six preferences**. This means we can consider a child for more schools if we cannot offer places at their highest preferences. If multiple preferences are not named it limits the number of schools we can consider a child for but does not increase their chances of getting a school.

Aptitude Tests:



Schools that offer places based on ability and aptitude require each applicant's child to be tested.

These include:

- grammar schools;
- partially selective ('bilateral') schools;
- schools which band applicants by ability to achieve a comprehensive intake;
- schools which select up to 10% of their cohort by aptitude in a prescribed subject.

In Newham only one school requires testing for year 7 entry, this is Chobham Academy who operate national ability banding.

If you are considering applying for a selective school for September 2022 entry the usual processes may be different due to the corona virus outbreak and the ongoing social distancing and other health and safety measures.

Important: we strongly recommend you regularly check the school's or the local authority's website where the school is located for the latest information.

What to do next?



Once your application has been successfully submitted through the eAdmissions portal an application reference will be issued which will look like this.

316-2021-09-E-001234

Families now just need to wait until national offer day:

Tuesday 1st March 2022

National Offer Day: 1st March 2022



All families who applied by the national closing date (31st October 2021) and many late applicants will be notified of the school their child has been offered for year 7 for September 2022.

Online applicants via the eAdmissions portal will be sent an email with their offered school and will be advised to log into their account.

Paper applicants will be sent a letter that is posted on 1st March 2022.

The offer will be the highest offer that could be made from the preferences named.

For some families it is possible that none of their preferences can be offered. Then their home local authority will allocate an alternative which will be named in the letter. This will be the closest school to your home that has a place available.

Waiting Lists:



In Newham, children are automatically added to the waiting list for any schools ranked higher than the preference offered.

For example: if a child is offered their third preference they will be added to the waiting list for their 1st and 2nd preferences but not their 4th, 5th and 6th.

If a family want their child to be added to the waiting list for a lower preference school they must contact pupil.services@newham.gov.uk

The law requires that all children must be added to a waiting list in their rightful place based on the oversubscription criteria **NOT** first come first served.

This means that a late applicant can go direct to number one on the waiting list above all on time applicants if they have a higher priority than all others based on the oversubscription criteria.

Remember:



- The closing date for applications is Sunday 31st October 2021
- Register and create an account on www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Create your application on the same website on your account
- We recommend that you name six schools on your application
- Remember to rank the schools in order of preference
- If you are not sure how to complete any stage of the application please ask
- Talk to your child about their feelings about next year



Attention all parents!

Download the ParentMail App for the best way to pick up school messages

**FREE
DOWNLOAD**

"Nice simple little App but such a great, effective way of accessing important school information"



"Great communications tool - makes life a bit more organised"



"Brilliant! I don't have to go back to all my emails to check up what's going on at my children's school, 10 out of 10"



Search "ParentMail" in your App store...



All correspondence from Star, payments, club bookings and consent for trips will be sent electronically through Parent mail.

Dates for your diary



▶ 22nd October - Weekly SATs Revision homework will be set.

▶ Half term 25th-29th October

▶ Sunday 31st October - Secondary School application deadline.

▶ 19th-22nd April Outward Bounds residential trip. Expression of interest will be shared soon. Visit the website: <https://www.outwardbound.org.uk/howtown>

Questions

- ▶ We would like to answer your questions in detail so please email the school with your query or email to:
- ▶ year6@star.newham.sch.uk
- ▶ Title PIM MEETING QUESTION

