



# ADMISSIONS LETTER

INFORMATION FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

Dear parent/ carer on behalf of your child .....

## A message from the Head Teacher...

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Plaistow Primary School and Children's Centre. Plaistow is a successful, two-form entry school in the heart of a diverse, multicultural neighbourhood. We are within walking distance of thriving local markets, libraries and parks, and only a stone's throw away from London's world-famous museums, galleries and landmarks.

Plaistow is a dynamic learning community filled with laughter, friendship and high expectations for all. At our school we work hard, challenge and believe in ourselves in order to learn, progress and achieve. We want our children to experience joy on their own unique learning journey in order for them to become creative, aspirational lifelong learners.

Our school curriculum drivers are: **joy, creativity** and **aspiration**. These values underpin the curriculum, inform our decision making, and guide the way we interact with one another.

Our ambitious, thematic curriculum is rooted in quality texts which foster a love of reading and inspire a curiosity to learn more. Purposeful experiences across the wider curriculum enrich children's vocabulary and put learning in Reading, Writing and Maths into context. As a result, pupils make rapid progress and achieve across all subject areas. Plaistow is a creative school and children have an opportunity to express themselves through art, music and drama.

At Plaistow, we encourage the interests, talents and dreams of each individual child. We have a commitment to nurturing pupils' social, emotional and physical health in order to equip them with the skills and attributes they will need for future success.

Our team looks forward to getting to know you and your children as they begin their learning journey at Plaistow.

Your child will start at Plaistow on .....

They will be in class ..... and their new teacher is .....

All the best,

**Mr Dean Benoit**  
Head Teacher

# GETTING STARTED

## AT PLAISTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEBSITE	You should regularly check the school website for upcoming events, newsletters, term dates and all school policies: <a href="https://plaistow.newham.sch.uk/">https://plaistow.newham.sch.uk/</a>
UNIFORM	Uniform expectations can be found on our school website. Our uniform can be purchased online at <a href="http://myclothing.com">myclothing.com</a> . Uniforms are also stocked at: <i>Fashion Stop, 138 High Street, East Ham, London, E6 2HT.</i>
BREAKFAST CLUB	We offer a Breakfast Club each morning. You can drop your child off for a healthy breakfast between 8-8:30am. The cost is £2.
SCHOOL LUNCHES	All pupils can receive a hot meal each day. All meals are Halal and there is a vegetarian option each day. Pupils can bring a packed lunch from home if they wish. Menus are available on our school website.
SNACKS	Fruit will be available at break times for pupils. Children in the Early Years will also be offered free milk. Children should bring their own refillable water bottle or one can be purchased for £1 by the school.
CONTACTING THE SCHOOL	If you wish to speak to your child's teacher you can email the school to make an appointment. Senior Leaders are also on hand at the beginning or end of the school day if you have any questions or concerns.
TIMES OF SCHOOL DAY	The school doors open each day at 8:45 with the day starting at 9:00. Nursery (AM) finishes at 12:00, KS1 at 3:30 and KS2 at 3:30. The doors open for collection at 3:20. Pupils in Year Six can walk home alone with written parental permission.
PE	Pupils have two PE sessions each week. Pupils are expected to come to school wearing their PE kit. Kit expectations can be found on our school website.
HOMEWORK	Children are expected to read every evening. They take home both a levelled reading book and a book of their choosing. Children in KS2 complete their reading records independently, whereas reading records are completed by parents in KS1. For Maths, every child is set Mathematics homework tasks each week. This is an online homework platform, and every child is given login details at the start of the year. If you have any issues accessing online learning please let your class teacher know so that your child can be given time to access it during the school day.
ATTENDANCE	Children should only be kept home if they are genuinely ill or have symptoms of Covid-19 (in which case they should be tested as soon as possible). Pupils should be on time for school each day. All medical appointments should be booked outside of the school day.
LEAVE DURING THE TERM TIME	It is imperative that pupils attend school each day. All holidays must be booked at half term breaks from school, at Christmas, Spring break or during the summer holidays. Families can apply for authorised absences from school but these requests will only be granted by the Head Teacher in exceptional circumstances. Penalty notices will be issued during periods of unauthorised absence.