

Stormont House School

Our school vision: Achievement for all in a unique world class school

Reminder on School Rules:

Some parent/carers have asked for a reminder of these rules so they can go through them with their child:

Food and drink

Pupils are allowed to bring in bottles of water which can be refilled in school. They should be labelled with their name. No other food or drink is permitted in school. All pupils eat lunches provided by the school kitchen and are also provided with fresh fruit at break time. Breakfast is also provided at no additional cost. We strongly discourage children buying sweets for the journey to school, and ask all parents/carers to support us in this. Any sweets, food or drink brought into the school may be confiscated and disposed of. Chewing gum is completely unacceptable and usually incurs a detention after school.

Money and items of value

There is generally no need for pupils to bring money into school unless they are bringing it in to the school office. In some circumstances we may allow pupils to bring in some spending money for a school trip or event, but we will let you know this in advance. The school will not be responsible for the loss of any money or item of value brought into school, however this may occur.

Jewellery/ make-up

Only a maximum of one small plain stud or small hoop earring in each ear is allowed. Anything else will be removed and kept in the office. For 'repeat offenders', the items will be kept until the parent or carer collects them, even if this is after the weekend. Watches are allowed (at your own risk), but any chains, bracelets, rings, large or decorative earrings are not.

Mobile phones/ mp3 players/ games consoles etc.

Any communication or entertainment device must be handed in to the office on arrival, where it will be stored in a wallet with the pupil's name on. The items are returned at the end of the school day. Any items not handed in, but kept in pockets or bags may be confiscated. For 'repeat offenders', the items will be kept until the parent or carer collects them even if this is after the weekend.

Personal school equipment

We expect all pupils, especially from Year 9 on, to take increasing responsibility for having the correct equipment in class. Please make sure that any pencil case etc is clearly labelled with your child's name, also please make sure that any 'extra special' pens etc are kept for homework rather than brought into school, in case they are mislaid and upset is caused.

Thank You!

Year 11 Work Experience 14-25 November 2011

With less than 2 months to go Year 11 are beginning to explore all the possible choices for external work experience. This year ideas are ranging from working at Hackney City Farm to Arsenal Stadium! Any Year 11 parent/carers who wish to discuss this any further please contact Trish McNamara Deputy Headteacher at the school.

Reminder: Year 7 Parent/Carer Meeting Wednesday 28 September 4-5.30pm

The Year 7 Tutors, Ms Chenard and Ms Whitbread, are looking forward to meeting all the new Year 7 parents/carers for appointments on Weds 28 September. If you haven't yet returned your preference for appointment time, please do so by Tuesday 20 September, as appointments will be sent out shortly afterwards.

Lost Property



Every year we end up with a vast amount of lost property, including coats, hats and trainers. We make an effort to identify the owners, but often without success. Can you please remind your child to look at the lost property, currently on display in the foyer, as any items that remain unclaimed by the end of term will be taken to a charity shop. If there is a specific item your child has lost please ring Monica (receptionist) who will ask the appropriate teaching assistant to help your child look through the lost property to see if it can be found. It is helpful if the name of the pupil could be written on the label of any items as this enables lost clothing to be returned straight to the pupil.

E-Safety Awareness Stay Safe On-Line

Children's privacy can be invaded online in several ways. For example, it can happen when they:

- fill out forms and enter contests on commercial Websites
- provide information when registering for Internet services or software (i.e. file-sharing, instant messaging, e-mail)
- complete a personal profile for an e-mail or instant messaging account
- give personal information to strangers in chat rooms or through instant messaging
- Social networking sites – who are they friends with? If you know your child uses Facebook, please help them to check their privacy settings. The video link below shows you how to change privacy settings on Facebook.

<http://kidsmart.org.uk/skills-school/>



School Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term 2011

- Wednesday 28 September Year 7 Parent/Carer evening 4 - 5.30pm **(scheduled appointments)**
- Thursday 10 November Parent/Carer Consultation Evening (4-8pm) **(scheduled appointments)**
- Friday 11 November Parent/Carer Consultation Day **(scheduled appointments for parent/carers with pupils)**
- Monday 14 - Friday 25 November Year 11 Work Experience

Stormont House School Website

Stay up to date with important news and announcements visit our school website at:

www.stormonthouse.hackney.sch.uk

The website contains news about school events, and a showcase of curriculum works as well as our weekly newsletters, so if you think you may have missed an issue you can look it up on our website!

Term Dates for pupils Autumn Term

Tuesday 6 September **start of term**

Monday 24 – Friday 28 October – **Half Term**

Monday 31 October **pupils return**

Friday 16 December 2011 **end of term** (Pupils leave at 1.15pm)

Spring term begins Wednesday 4 January 2012