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Dear Parents/Carers

As you finish the school year I would like to wish you a good summer break. We 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 collectively provide a really high quality of education for our children. 97% of our local schools have been rated as being good or outstanding by Ofsted, a figure that 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.

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, [linked here:](https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/holiday-activities-and-food-programme)
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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 check the link above.

If you have not registered for free school meals and think you may be eligible, view our free schools meals information, call 020 8820 7000 or email to PupilBenefits@hackney.gov.uk. I also attached some [FAQs](#) about the roll out of the Mayor of London's funding of free school meals for all primary school children for the 2023-24 academic year.

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 here: <https://www.younghackney.org/summer-activities-guide/>

School Uniform Grant

For those of you who have children who are about to go into year 7 you may be eligible for a free school uniform grant. To find out if you qualify, the details of the grant as well as the link to apply please go to <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/school-uniform-grant-age-11..>

Parent/carer engagement

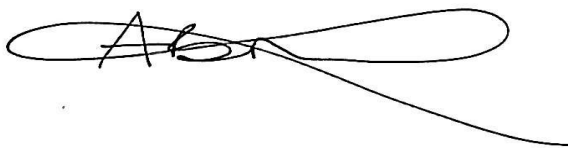
I understand the important role you play as parents/carers in schools and have advocated for the role of Parent Carer Engagement System Leader who was appointed in the past year. The purpose of the role is to work closely with schools in a support and advisory capacity. This officer has developed a vision and action plan for how we will achieve optimal parent/carer engagement, and is progressing work to identify barriers parents and carers face and co-production of solutions and recommendations.

Food poverty

In the autumn of 2022, The Mayor and I established the Tackling Food Poverty in Education Task Force, aimed at providing a hot, healthy, more sustainable meal to as many children in poverty as possible. We have backed this programme with a £300k investment. The report, launched earlier this week, highlights the many excellent examples of best practice across Hackney schools that we can all celebrate and learn from. The report also sets out some ambitious recommendations on how we can progress sustainable, local solutions to address food poverty and support our children. We could not have done this without the valuable contributions of school leaders, and look forward to working with you and schools to progress key actions to support our children.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anntoinette Bramble', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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