

# Public School 154

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Dear PS 154 Families,

We hope that this letter finds you all healthy and safe. As the COVID-19 virus continues to affect our communities, we want to extend our thoughts and condolences to our families who have been affected by the virus and/or lost loved ones. We also want to share our gratitude and thanks to essential workers and those in the medical profession. Your work is appreciated!

It is hard to believe that we are coming up on our 4<sup>th</sup> week of remote learning and children's 5<sup>th</sup> week away from the building. We never thought this would happen and for this long. We truly miss all the students, staff and parents of P.S. 154. We are anxiously waiting the day that we can return back to school.

Teachers will continue remote learning throughout the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>. However, schedules have been modified to allow for students to catch up on their work and to provide enjoyable time with their families. It is important that your child log on to their Google Classroom each day to check-in with their teacher. Be sure that they continue to do this daily.

Although remote learning is a new instructional practice for NYC schools, using technology as part of the learning process is not new for students at P.S. 154. We are continuing to use learning platforms such as Raz-Kids, NEWSELA, Google Classroom, EnVision Math(Pearson) etc like we would in school. Students are familiar with these programs and learning expectations. We are continuing to provide a high quality education to our students that prepares them for the Next Generation Learning Standards and progress students to the next grade. Therefore is important that students follow the directives of their teacher and complete all of their assignments.

Since we are no longer using Zoom as our virtual platform, teachers are continuing to transition to new systems such as Microsoft Teams and Google Meet. Your child's teacher will inform them once these systems have been established. In addition, we are also making instructional revisions to allow time for students to complete and reflect on their assignments before moving on to new ones.

Last, we will continue to offer a platform for parents to meet with administration and Mr. Mario to communicate any needs or questions you might have. In the upcoming days, we will share information regarding these meetings. As always, please visit our school website, [www.ps154queensny.org](http://www.ps154queensny.org) or email us at [25Q154@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:25Q154@schools.nyc.gov) for up to date information and for anything that you might need.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration during this time!

Be well!

Ms. Gathers-Bullard and Ms. Foulkes