

Friday, 18 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the prevalence of COVID-19 on the increase and with very few in our community vaccinated, there is a real risk that schools will experience high numbers of cases in the coming weeks. We have only had three cases across staff and students since the start of term in April but we want to do everything possible to avoid disruption to education in the last five weeks of the school year. As a result, we are taking the following measures from **Monday 21 June 2021** as part of our system of controls:

1. All in the community will be expected to **wear face coverings in indoor communal areas** (other than those who are exempt). Students are not required to wear them in the classroom (though they may do so if they wish).
2. **Trips** that have already been planned will take place but we will not plan any additional trips for the remainder of the school term.
3. We will **limit whole year group assemblies** to those which are essential.

Exams will, however, take place as scheduled and pupils will not be required to wear face coverings when in exams. An updated Risk Assessment to reflect these changes is now on our website.

If your child is exempt from wearing a face covering, please let us know via [office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk) and we will provide them with an exemption card.

### Lateral Flow Testing

A key aspect of the range of measures to control COVID-19 is the use of Lateral Flow Tests. These tests help to detect asymptomatic cases and thus reduce the spread of the virus. It is essential that your child tests twice weekly and that you [record their results](#). We have a limited supply of kits available and we will issue these to students at the end of the day on Monday 21. Further test kits can be ordered [online](#).

I appreciate that we have all become fatigued by the restrictions that COVID has placed on our lives and we are all concerned about the impact on young people. Accordingly, I would like to thank you in advance for your support for these additional protective measures in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support for those [office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk](mailto:office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk) if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Yours faithfully,



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