

Friday, 06 November 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you for your support with the new requirement for students to wear face coverings in communal areas this week. Whilst the change is a physical reminder of the difficult times in which we live, our students have complied very quickly with this new expectation.

With the country at the start of a second period of 'lockdown', I am writing with updates in relation to your child's education.

Protecting Education

I would like to stress that maintaining a high quality on-site full educational provision is our number one priority. We will do all in our power to avoid a partial closure or rotas so that your child can continue to attend school and receive teaching from their subject teachers in all lessons.

In order to achieve this, senior colleagues have begun supporting in lessons where teachers are teaching from home as a result of them being required to self-isolate. I have sat in a number of lessons myself this week and have been impressed with how technology enables learning to take place in this way with the teacher being able to see the class, ask questions and feedback to students. Senior colleagues will continue to do this until the end of term at least so that classrooms can be learning focused and the school minimises the use of supply teachers.

This approach will enable the school to remain fully open should up to 20% of staff be required to isolate. Should we go above this level, we would implement a year group rota system. Whilst it is impossible to predict how coronavirus will impact on the school community, we hope that we will not need to revert to this at any point but we will of course endeavour to give you as much notice as possible

Health and Safety

Government guidance in relation to students who may be clinically vulnerable is below for your information. Please get in touch via office@haverstock.camden.sch.uk if you have any questions.

"More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from COVID-19, even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow this advice. Speak to your GP or specialist clinician, if you have not already done so, to understand whether your child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school while this advice is in place. Your school will make appropriate arrangements for you to be able to continue your education at home. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school."

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I would like to reassure you that we will continue to inform you of positive cases amongst school pupils. Fortunately, there have been no further positive cases since we broke up for half-term.

Finally, with the 'stay at home' message having returned, it is essential that students return home from school as soon as they leave school. This has been our expectation since the start of the year but we appreciate your ongoing support to reinforce this message.

With warm wishes to you and your family during another difficult period for us all.

Yours sincerely



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