



Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may well be aware that on 27 November, the Prime Minister announced new temporary measures in response to the Omicron variant of Covid-19. As a result, all staff are wearing face coverings in all communal areas in the school. We are also continuing with our twice weekly testing using LFD tests.

We continue to rigorously implement the following safety measures:

### Cleaning

- Frequently used contact points (e.g. doors, handrails, toilets, desks, chairs, etc.) will be cleaned more regularly.
- Toilets will be cleaned after break and at the end of the school day.
- Lunch tables will be cleaned after each class has vacated them.

### Personal Hygiene

- Thorough hand washing is required on entry to and exit from the school. This will be supervised by an adult. During the day, children will use hand sanitiser regularly and will wash their hands before eating lunch
- Staff will promote the "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it" message and lidded bins will be provided in every classroom for disposal of tissues.

### Classrooms

- Rooms will be well ventilated with doors and windows open at all times.
- Children will be issued with their own pack of resources (pens, rulers etc.) for learning.

Hackney Education have advised measures which go beyond this guidance and we are also implementing the following measures:

- Reduce indoor gathering by holding virtual assemblies
- Promoting social distancing between staff onsite

To help to keep our entire community safe, I am asking that our parents and carers please take the following measures:

**Wear a mask** for drop off and collection and maintain a social distance between adults.

Please **do not come inside** the school as this will help us to reduce indoor mixing. If you need to speak to a teacher or someone in our office, our staff will come outside to meet you.

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I also ask that you remain vigilant in responding to the 3 main symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms, please put your child in self-isolation. This means keeping them at home and informing us of the reason for the absence. You will need to book a PCR test via the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

You can seek further medical advice from the nhs.uk website at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

Do remember that if any of these symptoms occur, getting a PCR test is essential. For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We know from previous experience that by working together as a community, we can help to protect each other. These are challenging times but by acting now with additional safety measures, we should be able to have a positive impact on the spread of the virus. We all do really appreciate your support.

Should you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via our school email or by phone.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Case'.

Anna Case  
Headteacher