



Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have all had a restful break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all our children back into school tomorrow morning. Our gates will be open from 8.45 to welcome your children.

Children from Year 1-6 should say goodbye to you at the gate to minimise adults entering the playground. At 3.30, please collect your children promptly and maintain a social distance from other adults. We ask that you do not gather in groups.

To help to keep our entire community safe, I am urging all parents and carers to please adhere to the following measures:

- **Wear a mask** for drop off and collection
- 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.

In line with government guidance, all staff will continue to wear face masks in all communal areas in the school. We are also continuing with our twice weekly Covid testing using LFD tests. Hackney Education also advise adults in families to undertake regular testing to minimise the spread of the virus.

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.

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### Social Distancing:

- We will reduce indoor gathering by holding virtual assemblies
- We will promote social distancing between staff onsite

In response to updated guidance from Hackney Education, we will also be reintroducing class bubbles for play and lunch times. I will also be in touch with further information about changes to our 3:30-4:30 club offer.

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 as soon as possible is essential.** For most people, Coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

**For any other reasons for absence, please continue to follow the school policy and call every day to inform us.** If you are leaving a message, please state your child's name, class and clear reason for absence. We are as always committed to maintaining high levels of attendance across all our classes in the interest of your child's education and wellbeing. **Whilst being vigilant for symptoms, please ensure that your child is only absent from school if absolutely necessary.**

We all do really appreciate your support in managing our response to the high rates of Covid infection in our community.

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