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Dear Parent/Carers

A reminder that Friday 20 November is a calendared INSET day. Therefore, no digital lessons will be taking place as all teachers will be involved in training. On Monday 23 November, the School will re-open at the usual times, for all students, except those that have received an official notification or a letter from the School instructing them to self-isolate.

The School has taken the following measures during the last week:

- The site has been professionally deep cleaned by an external company
- Additional COVID safety signage has been installed across the School
- A large number of additional wall mounted hand sanitisers have been installed in all corridors
- On their return, students will receive an additional COVID induction lesson
- A reusable mask will be issued to every child in the School.

The wearing of masks will now be compulsory in all lessons, as well as all communal areas, both inside and outside.

On the return to School, we strongly urge all parents to be vigilant and not to send their child into School if they, or anyone in the family, are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms.

Earlier this week it was reported that the number of secondary students at home self-isolating had doubled in a week to over 550,000 – with a surge in cases meaning almost two-thirds of secondary schools have reported students being off because of coronavirus. Hounslow Public Health leaders, have confirmed household transmission to be the principle cause of this surge in the Heston and Cranford area.

Over the last week, colleagues who live close to the School, have been dismayed that some members of our community are not fully supporting the lockdown. Groups of young people, including our students, have been observed socialising across multiple households. We believe this will significantly hinder the chances for both the School and our community returning to some semblance of normality.

I cannot emphasise strongly enough, that all members of our community need to be responsible and protect one another. COVID-19 is not someone else's problem – it impacts on us all and we are only as safe as our community allows us to be. If everyone cooperates and makes the necessary sacrifices, we can drive down infections and protect our loved ones. The School would urge parents to visit our website for the latest advice from the Local Authority, Government and Public Health England on how to remain safe.

Finally, earlier this week, the School invited members of the Hounslow Public Health Team and the Local Authority to review all the COVID measures the School has implemented. They have fully endorsed the School's approach, whilst recognising that we are operating in an area of the Borough which has had persistently higher number of cases and within a community, where there is higher rate of infection transmission. They commented:

"... the School has undertaken a robust risk assessment and implemented all reasonable steps to maintain a safe and secure environment."

Please support our efforts to keep everyone in our community safe.

Yours faithfully



M O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher