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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a pleasure to have our students return to the new 'normal' at Heston Community School. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank parents and students for their patience and support. I take great pride in reporting how quickly our students have adapted to the new restrictions that we have placed upon them. Every change that we have implemented will help ensure the safety of our School community.

As you will be aware, the School wrote to parents to explain that we would be 'encouraging' the use of masks when moving about the school site. However, the national picture is of a rise in the number of cases in the past few weeks. This trend has been observed in Hounslow suggesting a higher level of vigilance is advisable.

The School has decided that it will now require all students and staff to wear face coverings when they are moving around the site, both indoors and outdoors. There is a consensus amongst the scientific community that the collective use of face coverings at these times can play an important role in preventing the possible spread of infection. We hope that this consistent and unambiguous position will be helpful to students and staff and like sanitising hands, will quickly become part of our daily routine.

We ask parents and carers to ensure that their children come to School with a face mask. We would recommend the use of non-disposable masks.

On Wednesday 09 September, the School recorded its first positive Covid-19 case. After a detailed consultation and risk assessment with Public Health England, the School was required to send home one tutor group and a member of staff to self-isolate for 14 days as a precautionary measure.

Public Health England, DfE, Local Authority and the School have clearly communicated that if any member of a household experiences symptoms of Covid-19, **every** member of that household must self-isolate, only leaving the house in emergencies, following all Public Health England guidance.

Failure to follow the national guidance endangers our School community and I would ask all parents and carers to support the School by rigorously following the advice.

The School will continue to update parents and students on any issues connected with Covid-19 on our website.

Once again, we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support during these challenging times.

Stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Mr M O'Hagan
Deputy Headteacher