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Dear Parent/ Carer

On behalf of the School, I would like to thank you for your support of the decision to close the School for a deep clean at such short notice. Your patience and positive comments, alongside the extremely high student engagement with the remote learning, is a testament to the resilience and strength that lie at the heart of the community that we serve.

After extensive consultation with Governors, the Local Authority and Public Health England, the School has decided to extend the period of closure to Friday 20 November. Students will return to School on Monday 23 November at the usual times [unless you have received a Close Proximity letter which spacifies the date of return]. Student and staff safety remains our highest priority and is at the forefront of every decision we make.

The closure will provide an eleven-day interruption to the transmission of the virus within our community. Furthermore, it will allow the School to operate safely, given the increasing numbers of staff who are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days. Next week, the majority of lessons will be delivered over Microsoft Teams to all Year Groups. The School will be closed for the calendared staff training day on Friday 20 November.

Public Health England have provided the School with data that shows there are higher levels of COVID-19 household transmission in the Heston and Cranford Area, than the rest of the Borough. These figures have remained stubbornly high for several weeks. To support our community, in addition to the deep clean, the School is taking the following actions:

- All students will be provided with a single reusable mask upon their return to School
- The wearing of masks by students will now be compulsory in all lessons as well as all communal areas
- Our approach to the teaching of Dance, Drama and Physical Education will limit face to face interaction
- Additional signage will be introduced to remind students of how to keep everyone in the community safe
- On Monday 23 November we will provide additional lessons to educate students on their responsibilities and the actions they must take to support our community in its fight against COVID-19.

I would also like to remind all families, but especially those with children in KS4 and KS5, how their actions impact others in our community. Meeting up with friends and relatives has been confirmed as the greatest risk factor, contributing to the current high numbers of reported COVID-19 cases – almost 50,000 people were confirmed positive on Friday 13 November. The level of interaction between households needs to be dramatically reduced.

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. Failure to follow the guidance attached with this letter puts all our community at risk. Whilst it is disappointing that the School has had to take these actions, we believe they are necessary and proportionate to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our School community.

Best wishes to you and your family.

Yours faithfully

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London Borough of Hounslow DRAFT: 23/09/2020 Parent/Guardian: What to do if your child or someone in your household has ms of COVID-19 START Does your child have any of the symptoms of COVID-19? (A high Does anyone in your household have symptoms of COVID-19? (A high temperature) a new Has your child been Has your child been in asked to self-isolate by contact with another NHS test and trace child at school with NO because they have had close contact with NO symptoms or who has continuous cough, or a loss or change in taste or continuous cough, or a loss or change in taste or someone who has COVID-19? smell)? smell)? YES YES NO Has your child been well, they can asked to self-isolate by attend school You need to:

Inform the school

Amange for your child to get tested as soon as possible for COVID-19 via the NHS testing website. NHS testing website or by calling 119

If you are concerned about symptoms or need advice, call 111 the school or by NHS You need to:
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Inform the school if they are not already aware Make sure your child stays at home and follows guidance for contacts of pepole with possible or confirmed coronavirus who do not live with the person Wait for the test results Wait for the test results (usually 2-3 days) After 14 days, if your child is well, they can NO return to school If your child is well, they can return to school You should inform the Household members can Your child must inue to stay at ho the start of this flowohart Your child must continue to stay at home for at least 14 days from when the household member's symptoms started. Your child must not attend school and must stay at home for at least 10 days from first day of symptoms or day of test if there were no symptoms. YES You need to: Inform the school Continue to make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows Inform the school If you are concerned about your child is symptoms or need advice, call 111 or your GP well, they can etum to school guidance for househ Make sure everyone in your household stays at home and follows guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection. Prepare to be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and to provide details of anyone your household member has had close contact with. COVID-19 SYMPOMS After 10 days, if your child is well, they can return to As children return to schools after a prolonged break, we expect colds and similar viral infections to circulate. To be clear the symptoms for COVID-19 are: Raised temperature (>37.8), a new continuous dry cough (coughing a lot for school more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours, a loss of taste or smell (cannot taste or smell anything, or things taste or smell different to normal). Your child only needs to have one symptom to stay home and seek a COVID-19 test. If you child has a runny nose and sore throat (without any of the COVID symptoms) they do not need a COVID -19 test.