



HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

Learning together Achieving together

25 September 2020

Dear parent/Carer,

I am writing to give you an update on the start of term and inform you that we have had our first confirmed Coronavirus case within the student community.

Confirmed COVID-19 case

At 0925 this morning, we were informed that a Year 10 student had received a positive COVID-19 test result. We immediately enacted our confirmed-case response plan. After receiving public health guidance, we sent the Year 10 bubble home for the remainder of the day, informing parents by text message and giving further information in a follow up email. We then engaged in a track-and-trace process using information gathered from seating plan records, the student involved and the student's teachers. Through this, we have identified and contacted a small number of close contacts; these students will have to isolate for 14 days. All remaining Year 10 students will be able to return to school on Monday.

This experience has reemphasised the importance of the control measures we have in place and, as we followed the track-and-trace process, highlighted the high level of adherence to guidelines amongst students and staff. I would like to thank all members of the school community for their measured and calm response.

A letter detailing public health guidelines accompanies this letter. Please remind yourself of these guidelines and follow them at all times.

Remote learning

This letter is accompanied by a remote learning pack designed to support learning at home across the course of this term. This is primarily in response to COVID-19-related absence but the resources provided are useful for any student that misses school, whatever the circumstance.

It is worth noting that this remote learning approach is designed to deal with individual students self-isolating. In the event of a localised or national lockdown, we will enact a different remote learning plan; additional work will be set and there will be more opportunities to interact with teachers online.

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Waterproof jackets and umbrellas

This week has also reminded us that the good weather will not hold forever. Please make sure your son or daughter comes to school with a waterproof jacket and an umbrella; the student bubble system and the cleaning regime at break and lunch mean that we cannot provide indoor spaces for students.

Updated behaviour system

The new behaviour system launches this Monday 28th September. Students who disrupt learning in school will receive a **same day 30-minute detention**. You will receive a text message informing you if a detention has been given. If a student does not attend they will be required to hand their mobile phone in the next morning. It will be returned when they sit the detention.

COVID-19 breaches

The vast majority of students have been fantastic in respecting our new regulations. In a small number of cases, students have left their year group zones at break and lunch and mixed with other students. From this point on, students who deliberately breach student bubbles will have their free association time removed for one week. If they persist after this point, they will be given a fixed term exclusion.

These are challenging times, but we have been blown away by the enthusiasm, curiosity and thoughtfulness of our students. If you have any questions or concerns, or suggestions on how we could improve provision, please do get in touch.

All best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sadler', is centered on a light grey rectangular background.

Matthew Sadler