



# HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

Learning together Achieving together

30 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been fantastic welcoming our students back into school over the past three weeks. Seeing them reconnect with their friends, run around in PE and ask questions in classrooms has again demonstrated that young people need schools, and schools need young people.

In fact, this is a three-part relationship, with parents and carers acting as the crucial third point of the triangle. The reopening of school, and reengagement of students in their face-to-face studies, has only been possible because of your ongoing support in what continues to be a very challenging context.

### Confirmed case update

In the three weeks since reopening we have had one confirmed case within the school community. This involved a student who, on experiencing symptoms, immediately self-isolated. We launched an internal track and trace process and identified a small number of close contacts. I am happy to say that the student has recovered well and there has been no evidence of any in-school transmission.

A reminder that, should a student or anyone in the household experience symptoms, the whole household should immediately isolate until a PCR test can be accessed.

If there are any confirmed COVID-19 cases during the Easter break, staff will be on hand to support contact tracing. If your child tests positive you must contact [COVID-19@hampsteadschool.org.uk](mailto:COVID-19@hampsteadschool.org.uk).

### LFD home-testing

After achieving 85%+ participation in in-school testing, similarly high numbers are engaging in twice weekly home-testing in order to identify asymptomatic cases. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

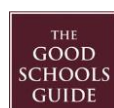
We will be distributing the next set of home testing kits on Wednesday 31 March. Students should continue to test twice weekly throughout the Easter break and into the new school term. Please report the result to school through <https://testregister.co.uk>.

### Face coverings

Adherence to our new face covering policy has been high and has played an important part in reassuring staff and students on our return to school.

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The government are due to make an announcement regarding face coverings in education during the Easter break, but we plan to maintain our current policy on our return and make changes, if necessary, from the week beginning 3 May.

It is therefore important that, from 19 April, your child continues to bring two face coverings to school and wears one at all times.

#### End of term arrangements

Wednesday 31 March is the final day of the Spring term and students will be dismissed gradually from 1225 onwards.

1225: Year 7

1240: Year 8

1255: Year 9

1310: Year 10

1325: Year 11 and Sixth Form

#### Start of term arrangements

There was originally an INSET day planned for Monday 19 April but this was moved to mid-December in an attempt to reduce contacts and minimise transmission in the run up to Christmas.

School will therefore start for all students on Monday 19 April, with the following arrangements on the first day:

**Years 11, 12 and 13:** Normal start time, normal lessons.

**All other year groups:** Arrival in school at 1045 for an 1100 tutor period. Normal lessons from 1125.

#### Changes to the Summer term

This year teaching staff will be responsible for the setting, marking, moderation and standardisation of assessments necessary for the awarding of grades to exam year students. In order to create some time for this process, we have moved our remaining two INSET days to an appropriate point in the coming term.

The remaining INSET days will be attached to the May half term holiday, taking place on Monday 7 June and Tuesday 8 June. Students will return to school following the half term break on Wednesday 9 June.

#### Managing anxiety – workshops for parents

The Camden Mental Health Support Team are offering webinars for parent/carers in which they will share information on anxiety, offer ideas on coping strategies and provide a safe space for adults to share what is on their mind at the moment. Workshops – taking place on Wednesday 31 March and Thursday 1 April – will last up to 60 minutes and have an optional follow up 20 minutes for further questions or discussion.

Parents/carers can register for a webinar via this [booking link](#) and further information can be found on our website [here](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [enquiries@hampsteadschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@hampsteadschool.org.uk). I hope you enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

All best wishes,



Matthew Sadler  
Head