



Monday 19th October 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

You will be aware that the Covid infection rate is increasing across Tower Hamlets. The guidance for anyone who is in contact with a positive case is that they are required to self-isolate for 14 days.

Today I have been notified that the majority of my lunchtime supervision team of staff are required to self-isolate, as they have been in contact with an individual who has tested positive for Covid 19.

As a consequence, the school cannot provide full supervision for all of our students across our lunch time periods, and although extra staff have done their best to fill some of these gaps in supervision, it is clear that we do not have the capacity to sustain this.

For the remainder of this school week, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be sent home for two half-day sessions in rotation. Please note your daughter is NOT being asked to self-isolate, as she has not had a close contact with a positive case, and is not at risk. However, the school cannot currently provide adequate supervision at lunchtimes and this is a health and safety concern.

Students in Years 7 to 9 will be required to leave school at the start of their lunch break at 11.50 am on the days specified below. Please see below the arrangements for your daughter's Year group for the rest of this week.

Tuesday 20th October. Year 8 and Year 9 students will finish school at 11.50 am.

Wednesday 21st October. Year 7 and Year 8 students will finish school at 11.50 am.

Thursday 22nd October. Year 7 and Year 9 students will finish school at 11.50 am.

Friday 23rd October. School is closed for all students, as this is a staff INSET day.

On the days that your daughter will leave school early, work will be set for your daughter to complete at home via our *Show My Homework* platform. Your daughter should study at home following her normal timetable during that afternoon and work will be uploaded for her to complete by each of her teachers for her afternoon lessons.

If your daughter receives free school meals, she will be able to collect a packed lunch at break time, which she can eat when she arrives at home.

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We appreciate that these early closures may be inconvenient for some parents, but we do need to ensure all students are safe and correctly supervised at all times when they are on the school site. Unfortunately, given the number of supervisory staff that are being required to self-isolate this week, maintaining our high level of support at lunch times is just not possible.

School will resume full time for all students after the half term break and we look forward to having all our students return safe and well on Monday 2nd November.

Should you have any further queries, please contact your daughter's Head of Year or send your query to the schools' email address welcome@central.towerhalmlets.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Holland', followed by a period.

E. Holland
Headteacher