



22nd September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support in ensuring all students have returned to school this term engaging in their learning in a positive and cooperative manner.

Students should be praised for their excellent return to school. They have responded to the new routines calmly and sensibly - we have been extremely impressed, thank you for your support in this matter.

Since the letter you received regarding our positive Covid case, I can confirm that there has not been another case linked to this and that all our staff and students have remained well. The letter you received last week is a standard letter that Public Health England (PHE) requires schools to distribute to parents if a positive case is identified. We will report any further positive cases to parents so that you remain fully informed. You will be contacted in person should your daughter be required to self-isolate for any reason. We are hopeful this will not become necessary.

As a school we continue to implement all government guidance to ensure your daughters and our staff are safe to learn and teach at Central Foundation. We continue to review government guidance and where necessary have made changes, that being said, we are all beginning to get used to the rhythms of a very different school life.

A few new adaptations we have made this term include:

- Year 7 finish the school day at 3.05 pm, and exit from the student entrance on Harley Grove
- Year 8 finish at 3.10pm and exit from the student entrance on Harley Grove
- Year 9 finish at 3.10 pm and now exit the school at the side gate on Harley Grove

These measures help ensure a slightly staggered end to the day and support more social distancing.

- The one way system across the school have been reviewed and small changes are being implemented to help reduce queuing in busy areas

How can parents continue to support us?

Hand sanitiser. The school has placed hand sanitiser stations on every corridor and at the internal and external entrances and exits to our buildings. We encourage our students to also wash their hands in our student toilet blocks, which are available in every building. If your daughter is able to bring her own hand sanitiser this can reduce queuing at sanitiser stations. We have seen an increase in students using their own sanitiser and appreciate our parents support with this.

Face masks

Students have responded extremely well to the measures we have put in place. Now with the changing national picture. We are strongly recommending that all staff and students wear face masks in corridors and communal areas when they are outside their normal bubble. These face coverings will provide another barrier to the transmission of the virus, not only do they protect the wearer but they also protect those around us. As a school it is especially important that we protect those members of our community who have previously shielded or who live with clinically vulnerable people. If we all chose to wear masks in busy places, we are playing our part in protecting everyone.

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School equipment: please ensure that your daughter has her own stationery equipment in school at all times, to limit the transition of the virus.

What do I do if my child is unwell? If your daughter is unwell please keep her at home. Not all illnesses are Covid related, but we are asking parents to be cautious to protect all of the school community. If you are unsure please call NHS on 111 to seek further advice. If your daughters illness is not Covid related please send her back to school when she is well enough to attend. Please phone the school to report this absence in the normal way.

If your daughter is exhibiting symptoms that may be Covid related, please keep her at home. Any student with symptoms, however mild, should stay at home and not return to school for 10 days after the symptoms developed. Please follow the advice **for households with possible coronavirus infection** and get your daughter tested as soon as possible. This advice can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#content>

Please phone the school and report this absence explaining that your daughter may have Covid related symptoms and will be absent for 10 days (8 school days + a weekend = 10 days)
Please call 0208 981 1131 to report this absence.

If your daughter tests Positive for Covid-19. You must call the school immediately. You can call us on the normal number 0208 981 1131 or email us via welcome@central.towerhamlets.sch.uk if it is out of school hours, so we can act as quickly as possible.

If your daughter tests positive she should not return to school for 10 days and you and your household will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. We will ensure any family who has a positive case in the home receives copies of the government guidance further advice and support from the school.

If your daughter is required to self-isolate for any reason we will ensure that work is arranged for her to complete at home via our Show My Homework learning platform.

We trust that all our students and your families will remain safe and well. By following the advice above you can support us to continue to keep all staff and students in school safe and well also.

We do want to thank all our parents for your support in working with us to make our school as safe as possible. Please do congratulate your daughter for settling into school so well this term and for actively engaging in her studies. Our students really have been excellent role models and supportive of each other. We will continue to work together to ensure Central Foundation remains a safe place for all and a place where every student will learn and achieve.

Yours sincerely

Ms. E Holland
Head teacher

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