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Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support in ensuring all students have continued to engage in their learning in a positive and cooperative manner over the course of this half term.

As a school we continue to implement all government guidance to ensure your daughters and our staff are safe at Central Foundation. With the changing national picture, and following consultation with staff at CFGS, **we are now making it compulsory that all staff and students wear face masks when they are moving around the school site. This includes corridors and communal areas. This will take effect from Monday 12th October.** 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: in ensuring we all wear masks in busy places, we are playing our part in further protecting everyone.

How else can parents continue to support us?

Hand sanitiser is still in place in designated 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 your support with this.

School equipment: please continue to ensure that your daughter has her own stationery equipment in school at all times, to limit the transmission 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 the whole school community. If you are unsure please call NHS on 111 to seek further advice. If your daughter's 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.

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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 main 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, and making sure your daughter brings a mask for use in school, you can support us to continue to keep all staff and students in school safe and well.

Thank you for your continued support of Central Foundation. In working together, we can ensure our school remains a safe place for all and a place where every student will learn and achieve.

Yours sincerely,



Ms. E. Holland
Headteacher