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Dear Parents / Carers,

I trust that you are all well and I hope that all of you who are celebrating Eid have a wonderful family time together. I am writing with a few key pieces of information that I would ask you to read through carefully.

Face Coverings

Although the Government have announced that face coverings will no longer be required in secondary schools as of the 17th May, Ealing Local Authority is strongly encouraging school pupils and staff to continue with their use in school settings in classrooms and communal areas. This is because, while much lower than previously, the rate of infection in Ealing remains above the London average. There is also some concern that the 'Indian variant' may be circulating in London. Although we will not now insist on students wearing face coverings, we will be strongly encouraging their use, and I would ask parents to support us in this, and to also remain vigilant to any signs of Covid-19.

If you or your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, the usual procedures apply. You must let us know and you must get your child a PCR test at a test centre or book one <u>online</u>. If the test comes back positive, then you and your family must self-isolate for 10 days. Lateral flow home tests sent home from school can also be used twice weekly to check for asymptomatic cases; if you get a positive lateral flow test result, you should also let us know straight away, book a confirmatory PCR test at a local test centre or <u>online</u>, and self-isolate for 10 days if the PCR test comes back as positive.

Teacher Assessed Grades

Our statement of intent and other information about the Teacher Assessed Grades is now available to view on our website at

<u>https://www.greenford.ealing.sch.uk/teacherassessedgrades</u>. We will be updating this area as we receive further information from Ofqual.

Please contact Ms Johal, Deputy Headteacher, if you have any questions.

Year 11 and Year 13 Leaving Dates

Year 11 and 13's last day of lessons will be Thursday 27th May. This is in line with other Ealing high schools, allowing time for the Teacher Assessed Grades to be input in time for the Government deadline. We will be running some Covid-safe celebrations to mark the end of the year for

these students, and more information around this will follow. After Thursday 27th May, we will be setting some online learning for Year 11 to help prepare them for their Post 16 studies. Please can you support us in encouraging your child to undertake this online learning.

<u>Uniform</u>

We continue to ask that you please check your child's uniform, school shoes and equipment for lessons. Pastoral teams and staff will be sanctioning those students without the correct equipment for lessons and those without the correct uniform. Students must also wear appropriate clothing when they have PE lessons – this must be plain black. Hoodies will be confiscated.

As ever, with my thanks for your support and my very best wishes,

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Mrs M Pye Headteacher