

Lady Margaret Road
Southall
Middlesex
UB1 2GU
Tel: 020 8578 9152 Fax: 020 8747 7891
Email: office@greenford.ealing.sch.uk
Web: www.greenford.ealing.school.uk
Headteacher: Mrs M. Pye B.A. (Hons) M.A. Ed



5th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you have had a lovely weekend and the rain did not spoil too many of your plans. I am writing to outline a few key reminders for the coming weeks, in the lead up to half term. Please read through this information carefully.

Virtual Open Evening and INSET Day

Thursday 8th October would have been our annual open evening. This is an important date in our calendar and we would encourage you to tune in to our website to view our virtual open evening. As we will not be needing to set up for open evening, we will not be sending students home early on Thursday 8th – they will remain in school until 3pm as usual. On Friday 9th October, we will be having our staff INSET day and school will be closed to students on that day.

Covid-19 Procedures

If your child develops the symptoms of a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of sense of smell / taste, he or she **must not** come into school, but **must stay at home and get a test. If your child tests positive, you must let us know straightaway so that we can advise you on how long your child needs to stay off school.** Please rest assured that we will ensure **confidentiality** when tracing contacts, and **will not** tell other students your child's name. However, it is crucial that you tell us if your child tests positive, so that we can safeguard the community and keep the virus out of school as much as is possible.

If anyone in your family tests positive, you must all self-isolate for 14 days. Again, please let us know if you are in this situation so that we are aware.

We understand that this is a difficult time, and we understand that some young people may feel embarrassed if they test positive. However, it is important to reassure them that they are in no way to blame if they contract the virus – the important thing is to let us know.

Face Coverings

Face coverings in school are currently optional, and we have no plans to change this. However, more students are choosing to wear them in communal areas, such as at break and lunchtime and when moving to lessons. If this is something that your child feels comfortable with, then we would encourage him or her to wear a covering.

Wet Weather Clothing

As students are in zones, and as a lot of the research suggests that the safest place to be is outside, we will only be providing wet weather shelter for students in the event of extreme weather. In light rain, we will expect students to come to school with raincoats and / or umbrellas to keep them dry during break and lunch. Please ensure that your child has a suitable coat for outdoor use, ideally with a hood, over the coming weeks as the weather begins to change.

Remote Learning

We are continuing to set remote learning on Google Classroom for homework and if a student has to self-isolate. Please let your Year Leader know if your child has any issues accessing Google Classroom, or is struggling to complete any tasks that are set.

Finally, thank you for your patience with the situation concerning i-block, our designated block for Year 7 and 8. Many of you will have experienced extreme disruption and /or financial loss yourselves as a result of loss of power in the last week or so. The damage to our building has been quite significant but it is now fully safe to open and operate in. I apologise once again that we had to keep students off school for a number of days while we resolved the issues. We were quite low down on SSE's priority list, and when they did finally arrive, they were unable to fix a number of the issues without specialist help. I am sure that you understand that safety was paramount in our decision making at this time.

With my very best wishes,



.....
Mrs M Pye
Headteacher

NHS Test and Trace Process

What to do if you or your child has symptoms of Covid-19

- Anyone who becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, **must stay at home and self-isolate for at least 10 days**. They must also arrange to have a test using the Government website at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by phoning NHS 119.
- Parents and /or students **must** inform the school immediately of the results of a test.
- If the test result is positive, parents must also provide details of anyone they or their child have been in close contact with. They must also do this if they are asked to by NHS Test and Trace.
- If anyone has tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.
- Other members of the household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

What to do if your child is sent home from school as a result of being in contact with someone who tests positive for Covid-19

- If your child is sent home because he/she has been in contact with a child in school who tested positive, he/she should self-isolate for 14 days.
- Even if your child gets tested, and obtains a negative result, he/she must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because he/she could still develop Covid-19 within the remaining days. If a test result is positive, you should inform the school immediately, and your child should isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms.
- Your household should also self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'

What to do if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive outside of school

- If you or your child is contacted by NHS Test and Trace and asked to self-isolate for 14 days, you must tell the school immediately and you must also organise a test.
- If you or your child tests positive, you must let the school know immediately.