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## Face coverings are now mandatory in our school

From Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, all London boroughs will be classified as having a 'high' local COVID alert level. There are three local COVID alert levels, which are sometimes called 'tiers' or known as 'local lockdown'. This means that you must not meet socially with friends and family indoors in any setting unless you live with them or have formed a support bubble with them. This includes private homes, and any other indoor venues such as shops, cinemas, pubs and restaurants. You may continue to see friends and family you do not live with (or have not formed a support bubble with) outside, including in a garden or other outdoor space. When you do so, you must not meet in a group of more than 6. This limit of 6 includes children of any age. Meeting in larger groups is against the law.

**School will be open to all year groups as normal.** However, because the 'high' local COVID alert level has been put in place because of rising cases of coronavirus in London, all students, members of staff and visitors to our school will be required to wear a face covering at the following times:

- when moving around inside the building before and after school;
- when moving around inside the building during lunch times and in between lessons;
- when queuing whether inside or outside the building (e.g. at lunchtime in the canteen);
- in any social situation where students are not able to maintain a 2m social distance from each other (whether inside or outside).

I strongly recommend that you make sure your child has a face covering to wear in school from Monday. We will be teaching students about this new requirement next week. From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November when students return after half term, we will be making this **compulsory**. This gives you sufficient time to make sure that your child has enough face coverings. Thank you for your support in making our school safer.

Ms Budd - Headteacher

## Could you help us improve how we share information with you?

We are currently planning how best to run parents' evenings as online rather than in-person events so that we can keep you up to date with your child's progress. We are also learning how to share more detail with you about the work your children are being set in class.

We will be running two pilot projects over the course of next half term. The first will focus on our plans for an online parents' evening programme. Would you be willing to give up **20 minutes of your time on Thursday 12th November** to test whether the software we're considering is user friendly?

The second project will focus on how we can best ensure that parents can see what work is being set through our Google Classroom platform. Google has the capacity to email parents/carers with a daily or weekly summary of assignments completed and outstanding and materials that have been shared with students. Would you be willing to sign up for these daily emails for the first three weeks of next half term? We would then ask you to complete a survey giving us your feedback so that we can make sure the information shared is useful.

If you are interested in being part of either of these pilot projects, please sign up [here](#) and we will be in contact.

Ms Baker – Assistant Headteacher

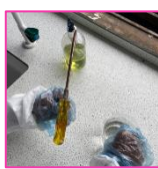
## Science Lessons – Off with a Bang!

We are lucky enough to be able to continue delivering practical lessons in the Science department, with the emphasis on safety still our main focus. The department has had training on how we carry out practical investigations and experiments so that our students can get the most out of these lesson, while reducing any Covid risk and stay safe.

Our practical lessons have been a success, with all year groups discovering the link to theoretical learning and developing clear enthusiasm for practical learning. From using Bunsen burners, investigating electricity, analysing a set-up crime scene and even making pool! Our students are able to see Science happening in a real world context, which is proven to increase their retention and enjoyment of the subject.

This has all happened because of our wonderful technicians and passionate teaching staff who are constantly cleaning and planning so that students have what they need for safe practical lessons.

You can continue the science learning at home by asking students what they have been doing and if you want to have a go at bringing science into your home, please have a look [here](#) for some fun experiments that use common household items. For GCSE and A Level students, they can access videos to all their required practical experiments in the following links; [Biology](#), [Chemistry](#) and [Physics](#).



Ms Jones – Subject Leader for Science

## Free Virtual Parenting and Teen Triple P courses for Ealing Families



The triple P - Positive Parenting Program is one of the world's best. Backed by more than 330 trials and studies,

Triple P provides proven parenting strategies that will help parents develop their child's talents and life-skills - so they can be happy, confident and successful. Home life will be better too, with rules followed, relationships stronger and parents who are much less stressed!

Ealing Parenting Service are offering free spaces on the triple parenting course. Places are limited especially for the teen triple P.

Follow this link to get started on the triple P course: [Triple P parenting course information](#)



## Flu Vaccination Information from PHE for parents

Public Health England (PHE) has produced information about flu vaccines for schools to share with parents.

It's important this year more than ever to achieve a high level of flu vaccinations, especially for children in high risk groups.

You can read Public Health England's information for parents [here](#).

## Covid-19 symptoms

To reduce community transmission of the coronavirus, you must keep your child at home if your child or anyone else in your household develops coronavirus symptoms. The main symptoms of coronavirus are: • **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) • **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) • **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you are keeping your child at home you must contact Ms McMurdie, our attendance officer, on **02088648544 extension 705**. She will then be able to advise you further.

Don't forget to use our google classroom to access all learning if you must stay at home.