



18th November 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

We are very proud of our Lister students and staff for continuing to attend and work well at school during these difficult times, and thank families for their support. Attendance for all year groups has been well above the national average, reflecting how important school is to everyone, for academic success as well as everything else we offer here.

When students have to isolate, we are doing our best to ensure they can all access the curriculum. But our number one priority is to make the school as safe as possible. Our Risk Assessment is regularly updated, and there is a copy on our website.

However, the single biggest factor affecting whether we can keep everyone safe and in school is whether individuals follow guidelines on when NOT to come into school. We therefore need to remind everyone of the following essential points:

Please **DO NOT SEND** your child to school if any of the following circumstances apply:

<p>POSITIVE TESTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child has tested positive for Covid-19• Anyone in your household or anyone that they have had direct contact with has tested positive for Covid-19• Your child is in a support bubble with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19	<p>SYMPTOMS OF COVID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child has symptoms of Covid-19• Your child lives with someone who has symptoms of Covid-19• Your child has been in a 'support bubble' or 'care bubble' (not a year group bubble at school) with someone who has symptoms of Covid-19
<p>WAITING FOR TEST RESULTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If anybody in your household has been for a Covid test and is waiting for the results	<p>NHS TRACK AND TRACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the Track and Trace system or NHS App has advised your child to isolate

This is the single most important issue for us at present, as we have had to ask a number of staff and students to isolate when these guidelines were not followed. If any of the above apply, please email attendance@lister.newham.sch.uk , together with evidence of any test result.

Your continuing support is also appreciated in the other key areas:

- Wearing a suitable clean mask to school every day
- Following all the school rules about wearing masks, sanitising and social distancing
- Going straight home after school and following government guidelines during this time of National Restrictions (lockdown), **including not going to other households.**

We know that this is a very difficult time for everyone, and that it has been especially hard for some families who have been directly affected by the coronavirus. Please let us know if there are any issues you wish to raise. A reminder about the best routes to raise concerns:

Any issues about attendance, Covid test results etc	attendance@lister.newham.sch.uk
Questions and suggestions about school policies	enquiries@lister.newham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



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