

# Glebe School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a second national lockdown begins I am writing to inform you that the school remains open for all the pupils in every year group, which means students are expected to attend every day, from Monday.

You may also be aware that the latest government guidance is that face coverings in schools are now compulsory and must be worn by both pupils and staff when they are outside of the classroom and in communal spaces. However, we are still awaiting guidance as to what the requirement will be for special schools and so at this stage we are not making it compulsory for pupils to wear face coverings. I know you will understand that this is a delicate matter for us to balance but I must be attuned to the disabilities and medical needs of many of our pupils, who would struggle immensely by wearing face coverings. That said, for those pupils who feel that they can wear a face covering without any adverse effects, I do encourage the wearing of them when out of classes and in communal areas. For pupils wearing face coverings, they must be suitable and wherever possible of a plain colour.

We continue to ask parents to be very vigilant for any signs of infection in their children, and should they occur do not send the child or any siblings to school. Additionally, please do not send your child to school if anyone in your household is symptomatic, is awaiting a COVID-19 test result or you have been instructed to self-isolate by NHS test and trace.

The symptoms to look out for are a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss or change in sense of taste or smell. Should any of these occur, you must keep your child at home and inform the school that they have these symptoms on [admin@glebe.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@glebe.bromley.sch.uk). You should order a test immediately at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119 if you have no internet access. Inform us straight away of the results of the test. If the test is positive please follow the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

When in school, any pupil who develops symptoms which could be COVID-19 will immediately be taken away from other children and supervised safely until they can be collected. In the event of this leading to a positive test result, you will need to inform the school immediately. We will then take guidance from the health protection team as to what our next steps should be.

I appreciate that this is a lot of information to take on board, as guidance is continually being updated during the pandemic. If you feel unclear about any of this, please do not hesitate to email the school with any questions. Additionally, if you need support or guidance with regards to Coronavirus testing, please contact us and we will endeavour to support you as best as we can.

As always, I appreciate your ongoing and continued support during these difficult times.

Best wishes

Mr Ian Travis

Head Teacher

