



Howard Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: COVID safety measures:

Most of us will have seen the Government announcement over the weekend regarding the second national lockdown that will commence on Thursday 5th November. **Please be aware that Howard Primary is open as usual and we have not been made aware of any plans to close primary schools.**

As a result of the increase in infections across the nation and the new national lockdown from Thursday we remind all parents and carers to follow these rules:

- When dropping off or collecting your child, please **wear a face covering from the point of arriving until you leave Dering Place**. We understand that some of you may be unable to wear a mask for medical reasons. If this is the case, please inform a member of staff.
- You must **always keep a 2-meter distance** between our staff and other parents, including when you are in the queue waiting to be let in.
- If you have COVID symptoms and/or have been told to self-isolate by NHS test and trace or by your doctor, **please do not drop off or collect your children from school**. You will have to arrange for a friend or other family member to do this for you.
- If you or anyone in your household have tested positive for COVID-19 you must **call the school immediately or email slt@howard.croydon.sch.uk**. You must not, under any circumstances, come into Dering Place until your self-isolation period is complete. All of your children who attend Howard Primary will be required to self-isolate in accordance with the Government Guidance if you test positive. **Do not send your children to school.**

The Government website states that it will be taking the following action as of Thursday 5th November (for full details please follow this link to the website [New National Restrictions](#)):

- 1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.**
- 2. Preventing gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.**
- 3. Closing certain businesses and venues.**

We all have our part to play in helping our community to fight COVID-19. Obviously, morning drop-off's and afternoon collections are going to be busy periods with several adults attending at the same time in a relatively small area. For this reason, it is our duty to be even more vigilant and adhere to the rules that we have put in place to protect you, our pupils and our



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staff. **Howard Primary wants to stay open for as long as we possibly can during this pandemic and we need you to help us achieve this.**

We would like to thank all of you for your help and support over the last half term. Your co-operation, together with the hard work of our dedicated staff, have allowed us to get your children back into school life with as little disruption as possible. However, we must be realistic and understand that if we do not follow the Government's guidance, schools may be at risk of closing again in the future. We must be alert to the risks now more than ever. **Social distancing, hand washing / hand sanitising and mask wearing** are the keys to minimising the spread of infection and it is important that our whole school community takes this very seriously.

We would like to thank you again for helping us to keep our school as safe a space as possible during these difficult times.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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