



17th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

I want to thank you for your continued patience during this time of uncertainty. We are in the midst of a global crisis and I share your concerns about what the future holds.

I want to keep in touch to reassure you that we as a school are continuing to closely follow the advice of government and health officials.

We will try to keep the school open for as long as we can. However, given the latest announcement from the government, it is likely that we will experience a shortage in staff in the coming days. This may well mean we have to send certain year groups home.

In the event of a larger scale closure, we will look to keep Year 11s and possibly Year 10s in school for as long as possible.

At the moment, the UK government policy is to keep schools open so that key workers in the NHS can remain on the front line, safe in the knowledge that their children will be cared for at school. That being said, our teachers are on the front line too, many of whom will fall into high risk categories. We are proud to put the needs of our community first ahead of our own and I want to thank you for your continued patience and support.

Most parents at Hackney New School are sending their children into school and for as long as we can, we will continue to provide your children with a quality education.

I will keep you posted.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Charlotte Whelan'.

Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher