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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the government's decision to move the London area into a "High Alert" tier, schools are now required to ensure that children and staff wear face coverings in communal areas such as corridors. This does not apply in lessons and does not apply to students or staff who have medical exceptions.

Wearing a face mask in lesson time will remain optional for staff and students. It is not mandatory. Face coverings are also not necessary in the playground or when eating.

Please make sure you ensure your child has a face covering with them on Monday. If your child is medically exempt, please contact Laura Purcell on laurapurcell@hackneynewschoolcst.org to clarify. We will follow up with children who do not follow the rules in the usual way.

Please remember face masks should be plain black or of the surgical kind. They should not have any patterns or logos. If you need support with this please contact Laura Purcell using the email address above.

Please accept my apologies for the short notice. The situation is fast-moving and communication between the government and schools is not always as clear as it could be in the midst of this pandemic.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlotte Whelan", is placed above the printed name.

Charlotte Whelan
Headteacher