

23rd May 2021

Dear Parents\Carers,

I hope you are well and, as ever, I extend my best wishes to everyone in the Highgate Wood School community.

You will know that we had hoped to commence our "return to normal" process with an ending of Year group zones and a return to setting and teaching in specialist areas immediately after half term. This was contingent on the improving situation around Covid-19 and, though we still see many areas for optimism the emergence of variant B.1.617.2, usually known as the Indian variant, has meant that we will need to put this back by two weeks.

Haringey Public Health, with whom the school continues to be in very regular contact, fully supports that decision, writing: *"We are concerned because in other areas where the Indian variant has come in, it has spread very quickly. Currently in London about 50% of all cases are the Indian variant and they are expecting it to become the most dominant variant in England within the next couple of weeks/months. We are asking schools to continue to adhere to the guidance, and the measures of control within. This means nothing should really be easing/changing between now and until the 21st June when we will be in a better place to see if we can open up further."*


Our new timeline will see the relaxation begin on 21<sup>st</sup> June at the earliest. This is unfortunate but, as I am sure all families will agree, health and safety trumps everything else. We must continue to show an abundance of caution whilst following the advice and guidance that is available. I will continue to keep you updated with our plans in my next scheduled letter, which will be sent toward the end of the half-term break.

On a much lighter note, many of you will be aware that it was the last day of term for our Year 11 and Year 13 students on Friday, and the Year 11s had their dress-up day. It was a wonderful occasion, showing our students as creative, confident and as happy as they have ever been. If you wish to see some of the pictures from this extraordinary day please visit [here](#).

I would like to close this letter by wishing all our Year 9 students the best of luck in their assessments this coming week, and wishing all our families an enjoyable and relaxing half term next week.

With thanks for your continued support.

Regards

  
Patrick Cozier  
Headteacher

Highgate Wood School Student Council supports individual action to address the issues of Climate Change and promotes the United Nations top 10 recommendations.



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