

Advice to All Parents - Single case

Oakfield School

Dear Parents/ Carers

I have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

I know that you may find this concerning but I am continuing to monitor the situation and will be working closely with Public Health colleagues over half term. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

The small number of staff and students who have been in close contact with the confirmed case will have been notified by telephone and will be staying at home for 14 days.

We have taken the decision to close early for half term to enable additional cleaning to take place.

We expect school to open as normal after half term.

What to do if your child develops symptoms

If your child develops symptoms of COVID 19, they must not return on the 2nd November 2020. They should remain at home for at least 14 days from when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be able to get a test and this can be arranged via:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you have any concerns or worries, please contact Jayne, Leanne or Joanne. They are available to take your calls.

Thank you for your support. If there are any changes in the situation. You will be contacted by text and information will be put on the school website.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Davies
Headteacher

Additional information

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared or until they have had a negative test result. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days, or until the person with symptoms has a negative test result. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available 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>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

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