

## Oakfield School – Update

10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Staffing levels continue to be an issue this week. However we have enough staff available from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November to re-open to our CLC students and year 8 cohort for the rest of the week. This is in addition to the LAC and residential students.

As you know the infection rate is increasing in the city and this will impact on school staffing levels over the next few weeks. I am in regular communication with the Local Authority, Public Health and other School Leaders as to how this can be managed in order to ensure all children have access to school whilst maintaining health and safety.

Students can assess work via the platform Teams. A step by step guide is on the website.

All students will receive planned lessons via the class teachers using the platform Microsoft Teams- a help sheet on how to access/use Teams can be found on the schools website. The web link is <http://www.oakfieldhull.co.uk/index.php/curriculum/platform-learning/>

Staff are delivering laptops to families as quickly as is possible to ensure that all students have access to this learning platform.

I want, again, to reassure you that Public Health are confident that the school is doing all it can to minimise the risk of infection of staff and students. However, we continue to monitor all our current procedures to ensure we are further minimising the likelihood of infection.

If anyone in your family develops symptoms or tests positive for coronavirus can you please let us know? Jo, Jayne and Leanne are available on their work phones and they will be able to quickly get a message to me.

Transport will be re-arranged for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 for CLC and year 8 students.

Those students who are entitled to FSM will be provided with vouchers for the days the students are unable to attend the school site.

I will write again at the end of the week to inform you of the plans for next week.

Thank you all for your support during this challenging time. Please keep safe.

Yours sincerely



Rachel Davies

Head Teacher

## **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. 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. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further guidance 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 can, 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 of COVID 19**

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

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

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

If your child 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

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>