

## Oakfield School – update

20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

From Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, we will begin to re-open to pupils based upon the number of staff we have available to work on site. This will be a measured and staged approach as I am very aware that this is an extremely worrying time for everyone.

Parents and carers of the pupils who will be coming into school on Monday, have been notified by telephone by members of staff.

It was made very clear to me, at the Public Health review meeting that I attended on the afternoon of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020 that due to the high infection rate in the city at the moment, there will be more positive tests and staff and pupil absence as a result. I need to make sure that I can do all I can to avoid a full closure again.

During this last week, I have received notification of further positive test results in staff. The staff and students affected in terms of needing to self-isolate have been informed.

Public Health are assured that the school is doing all it can to minimise the risk of infection of staff and students.

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 arranged for those children who will be attending on Monday.

Those students who are entitled to FSM will be provided with vouchers for the days that, due to the Covid- 19 outbreak, they are unable to attend the school site.

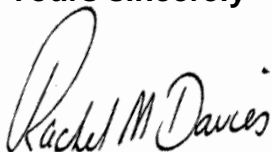
All students will receive planned lessons via the class teachers using the platform Microsoft Teams- a help sheet on how to access/use Teams can be found on the schools website. The web link is <http://www.oakfieldhull.co.uk/index.php/curriculum/platform-learning/>

I will continue to review the situation. As soon as staffing levels improve in the school setting, then arrangements will be made to bring more pupils back into the building.

Welfare checks continue and we are available to provide any support we can.

Thank you all for your support during this challenging time.

**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. 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/>