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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year and it is lovely to see all of the classrooms full again and feel that ‘magic learning buzz’ all around our academies.

Obviously, as you are all aware, COVID-19 is still very much with us and we are doing all that we can to keep everyone in our school community safe. Inevitably, as many of the symptoms are similar to those that can be displayed in relation to other seasonal illnesses, we are aware that there will be cases where pupils/families need to isolate and access testing for the virus. Whilst we understand that this is frustrating, it is imperative that we follow this guidance to ensure that we keep our academies open and safe.

As a result, we will be continuing to provide remote learning for any pupil who is at home due to family isolation or is displaying symptoms but is well enough to complete their school work. This is in line with government guidance as it is an expectation that children in the above situations will continue to access regular daily learning.

It will be an expectation that pupils complete the work set unless they are too ill to do so in which case you must notify the academy office of their absence. As a Multi Academy Trust we will ensure that children receive feedback and that the work set is relevant to the learning taking place in school but ask that you work with us to ensure that the learning set is completed.

Our main platform for communication will be ‘Class Dojo’ and therefore it is essential that you are signed up to this platform – please inform us if you are struggling with accessing this at all. Pupils will be set work which will need to be submitted via their portfolio. Moving forwards we are exploring other platforms which will further support home learning and once they are up and running we will notify you.

If your child is absent, please follow the process below and stay in regular contact:

- Access Oak Academy online (Reception to Year 6) and complete the relevant year group lessons for your child(ren) for that day/week – follow the additional guidance sheet
- For Nursery aged children: carry out play based activities with them such as reciting and learning rhymes, counting, learning new vocabulary and other hands on practical activities such as baking, making etc as there are no lessons for this age group on Oak Academy.
- Communication from your child’s class teacher will be sent so please ensure your child re-submits their work via their Class Dojo Portfolio. These can be in the form of a photograph.

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- Staff will provide feedback on submitted work (this may not be every day due to teaching commitments in school and also in the case of any staff absence).
- In the instance of a full lockdown weekly planning overviews will be posted on Class Dojo to support home learning.

If your child does not have access to a suitable device or the internet we will provide a paper pack of relevant activities to support their learning. This will be delivered to you by school staff as soon as possible. We have gathered this information from our recent Survey monkey. Should you need to update us that your circumstances have changed please contact your child’s class teacher.

This is a new way of working for all of us and we are determined that we will make the very best of this situation to ensure that there is the least disruption to learning for our pupils. Their ongoing education alongside the safety of everyone in our community are our main priorities.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Mrs L Morrall
Deputy Principal

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