

Notification



OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Sunday 24th January 2021

Dear Parents,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been 2 (related) confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Year 6 and 8 year groups at the academy. We have followed the national guidance and following a thorough risk assessment with Public Health, they have requested that all Year 6 and 8 pupils (that are currently attending school) self-isolate. They can return to school on **Monday 1st February**.

Unfortunately, due to the number of staff requiring isolation, we will also have to close to all pupils in Year 7, however, they are not required to isolate and can continue to follow the national guidance.

Pupils already learning at home:

I realise that most families are learning from home at the moment and so this letter will be for information only and the guidance regarding this isolation or learning from home will not apply to you. Please continue to access learning from home until the national guidance changes.

Pupils that have been learning at school:

Year 5: Year 5 lessons will continue, please attend as normal from **Monday 25th January**. Providing your child is well and does not develop the symptoms of COVID-19, they can continue to attend the academy as normal.

Year 6: Year 6 pupils are required to **isolate** until Sunday 31st January and learn from home. They can return to school on **Monday 1st February** providing they are not symptomatic. Other family members DO NOT need to isolate unless following the national guidance.

Year 7 (& all FLG): All Year 7 and FLG pupils are required to learn from home from Monday 25th January due to the numbers of staff required to isolate. These pupils DO NOT need to isolate unless following the national guidance. They can return to school on **Monday 1st February**.

Year 8: Year 8 pupils are required to **isolate** until Sunday 31st January and learn from home. They can return to school on **Monday 1st February** providing they are not symptomatic. Other family members DO NOT need to isolate unless following the national guidance.

Whilst I fully understand this may cause anxiety amongst the academy community, I can assure you all necessary steps are being taken to minimise risk to others. The academy will again be deep cleaned and we will continue to follow our procedures to minimise contacts between different year groups. Our procedures have been discussed with Public Health England as part of the rapid risk assessment that schools must undertake, and they are satisfied with the measures we have in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading.

Yours sincerely

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What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Symptoms of COVID 19

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

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

Recent cases in children have started with feeling nauseous or having headaches with other symptoms developing later.

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