

Monday 30th November, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Advice to All Parents – Second Confirmed Case of Covid-19

We have been made aware today of a second member of our community that has tested positive for Covid-19.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England, BCP and the Department for Education. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (Covid-19) will be a mild illness.

A number of students have been identified as having close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (Covid-19) and parents have received a letter informing them that their child must stay at home for 14 days, from the point of initial contact.

The school remains open for all other students and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Thank you so much for your ongoing support with this in using our dedicated absence line (01202 242300) and sharing why your child is unable to attend when they are absent.

Guidance from Public Health England has enabled us to ensure that despite a second group of students needing to begin self-isolation, along with a small number of staff, we are still able to keep Oak open to all year groups at this time, following our operational and risk management plans in the usual way.

Please see below a reminder of the advice and guidance for everyone in ensuring the risk of infection transmission is as low as possible.

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 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>

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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 does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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

- 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/>

Yours sincerely



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