

Date: Tuesday 6th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Oak Academy – Positive Student LFD Results

I am writing to share that three students in Year 9 have received positive Covid results from LFD tests. All three results have occurred in the last 24 hours.

Students have begun self-isolation and are taking PCR tests to confirm the positive result.

We have identified 27 close contacts within the year group. There are no close contacts outside of this year group. Close contacts have been contacted and these students have also begun a period of self-isolation.

Education and well-being must remain at the heart of what we do.

For this reason, I have taken the decision to move all of Year 9 to remote learning for the next 10 days and I am asking that all Year 9 students begin a period of self-isolation up to and including Friday 16th July. This means that Year 9 students should return on Monday 19th July.

Year 9 lessons will be delivered remotely from tomorrow, following the existing timetable. Students are expected to be logged in to Teams and engage with the work set.

Year 9 students in Alternative Provision are not affected by this decision and can still attend as normal.

Although this is a big move for Oak, I hope you agree that it is absolutely the right one in limiting the spread of the virus within our community.

Oak Academy remains open for all other students and it is very much business as usual!

All other students are expected to attend if fit and well. I have attached a reminder of the key information to this letter but cannot emphasise enough the benefit of completing LFD tests twice a week, on a Wednesday and Sunday, logging results here:

[Oak Results Log](#)

[Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result)

It was because of students taking LFD tests that we have been able to take swift and decisive action. Although we would rather have all students learning onsite, it will still take place online and we have taken early action to break the chain of infection transmission.

Do contact me should you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support as we work together to keep ourselves safe at this time.

Yours sincerely



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Useful Information

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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 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'.

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)

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

If anyone in your family 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 anyone'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/>