

Date: Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Oak Academy – Single Case in Year 7

I am writing to share that we received notification last night of a single positive case in Year 7.

We were able to quickly identify 12 students as close contacts and all have begun a period of self-isolation. No students outside of this year group have been identified as close contacts.

The student concerned tested positive using an LFD test and has a PCR test today to confirm the result. If negative, we will contact all close contacts again, as they can return to Oak.

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)

With the end of term fast approaching, and cases among young people continuing to rise, it is of vital importance that we all continue to follow the guidance to reduce infection transmission as much as possible.

We will continue with our end of term arrangements as planned, and are disappointed that sadly, a small number of students will be unable to attend.

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/>