

Date: Tuesday 6th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 9 – Positive Lateral Flow Results – Switch to Remote Learning

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

Yesterday we contacted 10 students identified as close contacts and they have begun a period of 10-day isolation. Today we have identified a further 17 close contacts and parents have already been contacted, with students being collected or sent home to begin self-isolation.

Communications have also been received from parents within this year group asking for clarification on the current situation. They have also expressed some concern about sending their child in at this time.

Currently, just over half of the year group are absent or are required to self-isolate. This figure may well increase over the next few days, as cases across BCP (may) continue to rise.

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.

Students identified as close contacts will also receive an additional letter confirming this, although contact has already been made with parents where this is the case.

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.

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.

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

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/>