



Oakwood Academy

A Visual Arts, Technology & Sports College

29th March 2021

Dear Parent, Guardians & Carers

Unfortunately, we have been informed that there has been a positive COVID-19 test from a pupil within your child's class/transport bubble.

Classes/transport that have been affected and will need to self isolate are as follows:-

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We have identified all the pupils and staff who have been **contacts** of the person who has tested positive. In line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until 9th April. Your child can return to school on 19th April 2021.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

A contact is defined as a person who has had contact (see below) **at any time from 48 hours before onset of symptoms** (or test if asymptomatic) to 10 days after onset of symptoms (or test):

- a person who has been taught in the same class with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- a person who has had **face-to-face contact** (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including:
 - having a face-to-face conversation, or
 - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
 - any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes
 - a person who has travelled in a small vehicle *with* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle *near* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)



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A person who maintained appropriate social distancing (over 2 metres) **would not be classed as a contact**.

Your child has been identified as a **contact**. Your child will now need to self-isolate for **10 days**. Household members do not need to self-isolate themselves unless your child develops symptoms. In line with the guidance from Public Health England, if your child is tested and the test result is negative your child must still remain in isolation.

If the test is positive, you need to inform us as soon as possible and your child's self-isolation period needs to start from when the symptoms first started. Your household will then need to self-isolate for 10 days from when your child's symptoms appeared. Please see the link to the PHE Staying 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>

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 as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You should arrange for testing for your child

Via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested-or-111>. nhs.uk or primary care.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days.

The 10-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.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able can, 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 of COVID 19



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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 your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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/>

If your child is sent home, work will be set online by their form tutor for this period.

If your child is **not identified** as a **contact** then school will contact you to arrange your child's return to school.

Many thanks for your continued support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Southwood
Head Teacher