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Absence and Remote Learning

Our aim is not to overload you with too much information in one communication. This week our communication focusses on school absence and remote learning.

As our teachers are now busy teaching a full class of children, our approach to remote learning will be different to how it was before the summer holiday. We have received guidance on trust wide expectations, from PDET, and these are being taken into account. Like many things our approach to remote learning will evolve as we continue to establish systems that are manageable and effective for both you and for our teachers.

Always be prepared for self-isolation or partial school closure

It is crucial that all families have plans in place for the potential need of keeping your child off school. If your child is showing symptoms in school then you will be asked to collect immediately and you and your family must self-isolate for the required period of time or until you receive a negative test result.

We certainly hope a whole school closure will not happen. However, it is likely that we will have partial closures for some classes and social bubbles during the year. This will be due to the following:

- An adult or child in the social bubble is tested positive for coronavirus. Therefore everyone in the social bubble who has had close contact with the infected person needs to self-isolate for 14 days.
- A number of staff in the social bubble are self-isolating with symptoms and awaiting a negative test result before returning to work. We therefore do not have enough staff in school.

When we reach a critical level of staff absence within a social bubble then we will have to partial close school for those children. It may be the case that we inform you of the partial closure during the morning, just before school starts. We appreciate this is a massive inconvenience and a logistical nightmare for everyone. We are just asking families to always have a 'Plan B' in place for such scenarios.

Non-COVID Related Absences

<i>What to do if...</i>	<i>Action needed</i>	<i>Return to school when...</i>
...my child has a non COVID illness such as sickness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school by 9:00am via phone or email 	As soon as your child is well enough to return After 48 hours if sickness or diarrhoea
Remote learning...		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote learning will not be provided as this is a 'normal' absence. • Learning will resume as soon as they are well enough to attend school. 		

COVID Related Absences

<i>What to do if...</i>	<i>Action needed</i>	<i>Return to school when...</i>
...my child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate • Get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for at least 10 days • Inform school immediately about test result 	...they feel better. They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
...somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate • Household member to get a test • Inform school immediately about test result 	...the household member test is negative.
...somebody in my household has tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
... NHS test and trace have identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	...the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
...we/my child travelled and has to self-isolate a part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not take unauthorised leave in term time • Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel 	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p><u>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school daily • Self-isolate for 14 days 	
...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not come to school • Contact school as agreed with the school • Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.

In addition to the above information please note that if you have children in two or more classes and one of your children shows symptoms in school and is required to go home, then their siblings will also be required to go home so your family can self-isolate.

Remote Learning for COVID Absences

My child is ill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform school office through your daily contact if your child is ill and unable to access remote learning. • Teachers will not send remote learning until your child is well enough to focus on learning.

My child is well but self-isolating
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote learning will commence from the second full day of absence. • In the first few days it may be provided on a daily basis. • When possible it will be provided as a sequence of lessons in one email. • Vast majority of work will be links to online resources from the government Oak Primary Academy. • Sometimes the online resources may be out of context from the work covered in the classroom but whenever possible the work will cover the same or very similar objectives. • Work can either be completed in the back of your child's homework book or on paper. • Work to be handed back to the teacher on the return to school after self-isolation.

We are currently working on setting up the opportunity for children to access learning via zoom. We are continuing the iron out the issues and problems we have identified so far. Once we are comfortable with this approach we will start to introduce learning via zoom for some subjects for those children who are self-isolating. Further details will follow in due course.

Like everything else we have put into place, remote learning will evolve. I am sure there will be errors along the way so please work with us as we find an approach that works for everyone.

COVID Positive Test Communication

Clear communication within the school community is important. We will inform all parents if we have a member of staff or a child in school who has tested positive for coronavirus. Of course for GDPR purposes no names will be shared and we will just notify you which social bubble the infected person is in.

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