



Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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4th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you have had a nice Christmas break, and I wish you a happy new year.

As you may be aware from recent media reports, or through reading government guidance, there have been some changes for how some schools will reopen this term. As things stand at the point of me writing this letter, Oaklands School will open as usual tomorrow. However, things continue to quickly change, so I would like to make you aware that on-site provision for your child may be affected due to situations such as staff absence. Therefore, there may be a situation in the near future where your child will not be able to attend school and will remain at home and access remote learning. Therefore, I urge you to have a contingency plan in place, to ensure the relevant care and support is in place for your child if they were to remain at home. I sincerely hope this isn't the case, although some things remain out of my control.

I am sure you know that both locally and nationally there has been an increase in the Covid-19 infection rate. This is obviously concerning and we continue to do all we can to make the school as safe as possible. The government and the local authority are clear that special school pupils are to continue to attend school. I understand that some of you may feel anxious about your child returning and if this is the case then please contact the school and a member of staff will be happy to discuss anything with you. Alternatively, attend the parent/carer Zoom meeting this afternoon (joining instructions below) and I will be happy to answer any questions.

Parent and Carer's Oaklands Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 4, 2021 02:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74584273122?pwd=b1hVc1dLTWg0L1FPZnhCS0lIOEIBQT09>

Meeting ID: 745 8427 3122

Passcode: pHx9cK

During this Zoom meeting this afternoon I will be talking about how school-based Covid-19 testing is intended to operate at Oaklands. School-based testing is a voluntary process for everyone and if you wish for your child to be tested, then it will only happen if your consent is provided. The testing process is still at the planning phase and further information will be provided in due course. Please note, your child will not be automatically tested on their return to school this week.

As I stated earlier there have been many changes over the last week to how schools are expected to operate, and there may be further updates I will need to make you aware of in the near future.

Best wishes and thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Oxley', written in a cursive style.

Mr N Oxley

HeadTeacher