



Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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Dear Parent/Carers

As we come to the end of what has been yet another different and difficult term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. The pupils have again been fantastic this term, both in their approach to online learning and when they all returned back to school. I continue to be extremely proud of them.

I would also like to again mention how hardworking and caring the staff have been this term. I hope that you recognise this and you feel that you have been supported appropriately.

I am writing to you to share some key information about the remainder of the school year and for the Easter holidays.

Non-uniform day – Wednesday 31st March

This Wednesday will be another non-uniform day to help raise money and awareness for Cheshire Down Syndrome Support Group. Voluntary contributions of £1 can be made via SchoolMoney.

Last day of term – Thursday 1st April

Please note that school will close for the Easter holidays on Thursday 1st April at 12.30pm. This is to ensure that there is sufficient time in the afternoon on the last day of each term for the school to liaise with external agencies (e.g Social Care), to ensure all children are safe and have the necessary provision and support in place before an extended break away from school.

Home Testing over the Easter Holidays

The government has stated that student Covid testing at home is to remain in place during the Easter holidays, and expects parents/carers to ensure that:

- Secondary aged students complete a test twice a week at home over the Easter Holidays
- They report the results online to the NHS as positive, negative or void. This information is critical in helping them to understand the prevalence of the virus across the country
- Secondary age students are to complete an additional test on the night before returning to school or college for the summer term, to find and isolate any positive cases. **This means that we request parents and carers complete a test with their child on Sunday 18th April. This will help prevent a whole year group needing to self-isolate.**

To ensure that you have enough test kits for now up until Sunday 18th April your child will be given an additional test kit today. If for some reason you won't have enough test kits, then please contact the school office and we will provide some more. Alternatively, you will be able to collect additional kits over the Easter holidays from your closest **rapid lateral flow test site**.

Test and Trace over the Easter Holiday period

The school has a responsibility to support the NHS Test and Trace at the beginning of the Easter holiday. The most important thing for you to note is that it is our responsibility to trace the contacts of learners who are symptomatic BEFORE Sunday 4th April.

We have a responsibility to notify close contacts from school – which includes people within their Bubble and their Transport. Therefore, please note that we may need to contact you over the holidays to inform you that your child has been a contact in school, and if so this will be through text message and an emailed letter.

Oaklands School Covid Helpline

The Oaklands Covid helpline will be monitored throughout the Easter holidays in case you have any questions or concerns. Please leave a message and someone will call you back when they are available. The number is **07934 388651**

Confirmation of dates

The summer term will start on Monday 19th April and all students are to return on this date.

INSET Days for the Summer term

There will be three INSET days in the summer term as identified below:

- Friday 7th May
- Tuesday 20th July
- Wednesday 21st July

Therefore the last day of the school year will be on Monday 19th July.


INSET days for the 2021/22 academic year

We are now in a position to finalise three INSET days for next year. These three INSET days are Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd, and Friday 3rd September. Therefore all pupils will return for the start of the year on Monday 6th September. The remaining two INSET days for 2021/22 will be confirmed at a later date.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter or would like to discuss any other issues, then please contact the school office or email office@oaklandsschool.org.

May I take this time to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the students back for the summer term.

Best regards and keep safe

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

Mr N Oxley
Headteacher