



Oaklands School

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26th May 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope you and your family are well. I am writing to share important test and trace information to cover the half term holiday.

Home Testing over the half term holiday

The government has stated that student COVID-19 testing at home is to remain in place and this includes during the half term holiday next week.

This includes parents/carers ensuring that:

- Secondary aged students complete a test twice a week at home (including the half term holiday – **note that you will not be required to report your child's negative LFD report during the week of the half term holiday, and therefore will not receive an email asking you to do this**)
- 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 the night before returning to school or college for the second half of the summer term, to find and isolate any positive cases. **This means that we request that parents and carers complete an additional test with their child on Sunday 6th June, and you will receive the usual reporting email during the afternoon. You must contact the school, leaving a voicemail on the school's main number if the result is positive, and explain that this is why your child will be absent on Monday 7th June. 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 6th June, your child 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 half term from your closest rapid lateral flow test site. Full details of where and when you can order test kits from can be found at:

Cheshire West and Chester:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/incidents/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-testing/testing-without-symptoms.aspx>

Cheshire East:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/coronavirus/testing-for-covid-19.aspx

Test and Trace over the half term holiday

The school has a responsibility to support the NHS Test and Trace at the beginning of the half term 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** Monday 1st June.

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.

Contacting the school during the half term holiday

The Oaklands COVID-19 helpline will be monitored until and including Sunday 30th May, the number is **07934 388651**. Therefore if your child displays the three main COVID-19 symptoms which are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste;

up to and including Sunday 30th May, please call the Oaklands COVID-19 helpline. Please ensure that you make us aware if and when your child is going to have a PCR test, due to displaying the symptoms above.

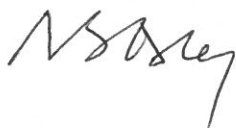
If you have any COVID-19 information that you would like to report during the half-term break (from Monday 31st May) then please email the school at office@oaklandsschool.org so the information can be received before the school opens on Monday 7th June. Please note that this email will be checked daily between 12.00 pm-1.00 pm during the holidays.

You can also leave a voicemail on the main school number 01606 551048, and the message will be picked up the morning of 7th June.

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 half term holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the students back for the remainder of the 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