



# Oaklands School

"The best for all, the best from all"

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and your child is looking forward to the full opening of the school.

I have been working closely with the local public health team to ensure we're following the latest Government guidance and necessary precautions to make our school COVID-secure so we're ready to welcome pupils back from the 8 March who are not already attending.

Although infection rates are coming down gradually in the area, I have been asked to remind you that we all need to continue to do our part to help reduce transmission of the virus by following these simple measures:

- Wear a face covering when entering public indoor buildings or travelling on public transport.
- Make space by keeping a two-metre distance from anyone outside your household, where possible.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water or hand sanitiser.
- Self-isolate with your household and get a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms by calling 119 or visiting [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).
- Self-isolate for 10 days if you are a contact of a confirmed case
- Parents/carers to arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/collecting their child – please do not congregate and maintain social distancing as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person.

\* Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings. This applies to those who: cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulties.

## **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college**

NHS Test and Trace announced last week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

### **Collect test kits**

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

### **Order home test kits online**

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

**Please note, that the school will continue to provide home test kits for your child and you do not have to purchase these yourself.**

Further details of where you can access a test can be found on the Testing and Self-isolation section of the Government website: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

[The Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme](#)

From the 8 March the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme will be extended to assist parents and guardians whose child is required to self-isolate. This is restricted to one parent or guardian who are unable to work due to caring for a child who is required to self-isolate. For more details go to the 'How to get help' section at: [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/covid](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/covid)

I will continue to provide you of updates as I receive them.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Oxley', with a long, sweeping tail stroke extending downwards and to the right.

Mr N. Oxley

Headteacher