



Oaklands School

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family have had a nice half term break.

As you will be aware from the text message that you received over the half term holiday, we are currently experiencing an increase in cases of COVID-19 in Cheshire West and Chester and this is likely to be caused by the Variant B.1.671.2 (Delta variant) which is more transmissible than other previous variants. As stated in the message that was sent over half term, to help reduce the spread of the virus, and to understand the extent of spread, Cheshire West and Chester Council Public Health Team advised that all residents in Northwich and Winsford were to book a PCR test regardless of whether they have symptoms or not, ahead of schools opening this week.

This present rise in infections is a concern and may affect whether future easing of lockdown measures can happen, both in schools and in the wider society, as I am sure you have heard about in the media.

Due to this the Local Authority Public Health team has asked me to remind you of the important information below.

The importance of the twice weekly Lateral Flow Device Tests

We would like to remind all parents and carers to ensure all adults and secondary age pupils living in the household complete twice weekly Lateral Flow Device home tests. These tests should be completed twice a week even if your PCR test is negative. Test kits for secondary age pupils can be collected from their school, adults in the household can collect test kits from a range of locations outlined in the links below.

- Collect home testing kits from **a local community collect site**, locations can be found in this link: <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- Collect home testing kits from a **testing site**, locations can be found in this link: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- Ordering home testing kits to be delivered to your home using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Your son/daughter will receive a further test kit next week, however, if you need additional test kits before then please contact the school and we can send some home for you.

Contact Tracing

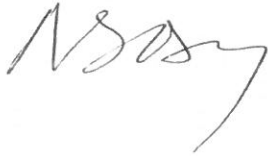
We would like to remind everyone that if you test positive for COVID-19, you are responsible for reporting to NHS Test and Trace the name and contact number of everyone you have been in close contact with during your infectious period. Cases are infectious in the two days before your symptoms started (or two days before your test if you haven't got symptoms), and the 10 days after your symptoms started (or 10 days after your test if you haven't got symptoms).

Schools / settings will contact trace all contacts in the setting, but for any contacts outside of the school / setting, it is the responsibility of the 'case' to advise NHS Test and Trace who is a contact.

If you test positive, you should also advise anyone you have been in contact with during the infectious period, that they should isolate and wait to be contacted by NHS Test and Trace. If schools become aware of pupils who have been in contact with cases during the infectious period and are not isolating, they will advise the student to self-isolate.

Please take responsibility to cooperate with the above information as this is vitally important in fighting the spread of the disease, therefore affecting how the easing of lockdown measures can happen over the coming months.

Best wishes

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

Mr Oxley
Headteacher