



THE OVAL SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to all our parents and carers for following the Government guidance and helping us to reduce any additional risks in school. We are closely monitoring the situation and receiving daily guidance from Public Health England, Birmingham City Council and our own Multi Academy Trust.

What will happen if a pupil or member of staff receives a positive COVID test?

- 1) You must inform school immediately
- 2) All members of the family must self-isolate immediately; 10 days for the person with positive test and 14 days for everyone else in the household
- 3) If the pupil or staff member has been in school, school will notify Birmingham City Council and Public Health England and follow their exact guidance. All parents will be informed. It is likely that this will result in the year group bubble being closed and all children and staff in the year group being asked to isolate at home for 14 days
- 4) The child or staff member must remain at home and not leave the house. **Please do not bring them to school to drop off or collect other children**
- 5) **Siblings must still attend school**, and other members of the household may continue to leave the house, provided no one in the house displays symptoms
- 6) All children will be provided with work for the duration of self-isolation

We have closely followed the guidance provided to us from the Department of Education and have developed a three stage plan for home learning.

Stage 1:

In the first instance, when an individual pupil is away from school due to COVID symptoms, school will provide a '1st day response' pack of work, which will provide activity ideas for home learning for the first 3 days of absence.

Stage 2:

If the period of isolation is longer than 3 days, school will provide a high standard of remote learning which is linked to the school's curriculum expectations and is provided by a member of the teaching team in school. This will include a number of different subject areas and will be of an equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school. It is recommended that you create a structured day for your child/children so that they maintain a similar routine as when they are attending school.

Teachers will provide feedback on activities via Class Dojo. If you have not connected with your child/children's teacher via dojo please do so as soon as possible to ensure the smooth transition to home learning.

Some of the work provided will be via education resources such as Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize. Please inform us if you are unable to access the internet so that we can make alternative arrangements.

We will endeavour to keep in contact with you during your period of isolation and provide updates and further information as appropriate.

Stage 3:

In the event that a bubble in school has to close and the pupils are asked to isolate at home, school will continue to provide a high standard of remote learning. As pupils are collected from school on the day their isolation begins, they will take home with them a three day activity pack. Pupils absent on this day will receive their pack through the post. The pack will include reading, writing, maths, science, topic and RE activities. This will ensure all pupils have access to school work from the first day of isolation and will allow teaching staff to move to a remote learning set up for the entire class.

Please be aware that families reporting illness or absence for any other reason should follow our usual absence and attendance policy and work will only be provided after discussion with school.

Thank you again for your continued support,



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