



Oak Lodge Newsletter

22nd January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It was lovely to see so many pupils in school this week. The pupils were fantastic in making the Lateral Flow testing a success and have adapted to the new way of working. Our students at home have had lots of Zoom lessons and work on Seesaw to complete. If there are any problems please contact your child's pastoral teacher, wellbeing team or the main school office.



- Please can you return or email us that you provide consent for your son / daughter to be tested, using the rapid flow tests on a weekly basis.
- Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if they have a cold or sore throat despite not having a temperature. It is important that we maintain as safe an environment as possible.

There remains **no penalty for non-attendance**, please ensure you have completed **the request for absence form** and returned this to school. You will be supported in this decision, and the home learning and communication with school will carry on. Current arrangements for **remote education and safeguarding will continue**.

Please can you provide your child with:

- A mask and / or visor
- Tissues
- Their own named water bottle.

Keep safe and have a happy Lockdown weekend.

Caroline Rowlandson – Headteacher

Dates for your Diary:

Inset day for staff (school closed): Fri, 12th Feb 2021

Half term (school closed): Mon, 15th – Fri, 19th Feb 2021

Notes / Reminders

Parents evening will now be postponed to the summer term.

Sign of the Week: Dining room

<https://vimeo.com/480342706/767eeb598c>

The BSL team have created a BSL clip for the sign of the week. To watch it, please download a free QR Reader app and then hold your camera over the code and a video will appear. We hope you enjoy the sign of the week and we look forward to creating more. *This week's Sign of the Week is now also on the website (along with the previous 'Signs of the Week' and can be found under the tab: Parents)*



Our Senior Leadership Team all dress up and ready to start Lateral flow testing last week.

The latest Families Magazine is now online. click here to view the online version:
<https://bit.ly/subscribetoFSW>



Applications for Sense Holidays 2021 are now open!

Every summer, children, young people and adults across the country pack their bags for a week of laughter and exciting new experiences.



Sense Holidays are for children, young people and adults who are deaf, blind or have multi-sensory impairments. They welcome applications from those aged 5 and above, and have no upper age limit. For those aged over 18, they prioritise those who are living at home with their family.

On a Sense Holiday, you might try sailing for the first time, or learn how to rock climb. If you're a thrill-seeker, you could visit a theme park and ride the rollercoasters, or spend a relaxed city break visiting cafes, museums and galleries. The possibilities are endless.

You can find out more about their holidays and how to apply by visiting www.sense.org.uk
If you are applying and would like some support with filling out your application please contact your child's pastoral teacher who can give you some helpful advice to include in your applications.



This week Vision Teaching have launched an appeal in response to the alarming rate of disadvantaged children that are unable to learn at home because they have no access to a laptop, Kindle, iPad or another device. They are running a spare device recycling scheme to allow them to donate devices to schools and your pupils. They are using all of their networks and contacts to raise awareness and champion this great cause.



SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: Safeguarding is of the utmost importance to us. If you have any concerns that a child is being harmed or is at risk of harm, or if you receive a disclosure, you must inform a staff member immediately or call your local authority MASH team

IMPORTANT Safeguarding Contacts: Our school's child protection officers (DSL) are:
 DSL Oak Lodge: Caroline Rowlandson; DDSL Karen Duggan-Stevens, Rachel Rust, Jess Doyle.
 Safeguarding Governor: Stephen Cave.
PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE for all safeguarding information and contact details.



Twitter: @OakLodgeSchool



Instagram: @oaklodeschool

COVID-19 (coronavirus) absence:

A quick guide for parents / carers

What to do if...	Action needed	Back to school...
 <p>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when child's test comes back negative and symptom free for 48 hours</p>
 <p>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) Inform school immediately about test results Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</p> <p>They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell / taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Household member with symptoms should get a test Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result Inform school immediately about test results 	<p>...when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</p>
 <p>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child shouldn't attend school Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) - even if someone tests negative during those 14 days 	<p>...when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</p>

A household includes everyone living in one home plus their support bubble (if you have one).

* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste.

See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>