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Dear Families

Oak Lodge School Update regarding Coronavirus update (COVID-19)

I hope that you are all keeping well and coping with the many challenges that we all are facing. Thank you all for your support and understanding during this difficult time. I am writing to keep you informed about the current position in school.

You may be aware that the government has just issued guidance on the return to schools. This is a very challenging time for all schools and we want to continue to do our utmost to protect your children and our staff as the UK brings the current infection rate under control.

Schools have been advised by the local authority, that **Special schools/APs are expected to open for all children from 4th January, as they would fall into the vulnerable cohort, therefore ALL pupil will return to Oak Lodge January 4th unless they are unwell or isolating due to contact with / have had a positive test result.**

Our **residential provision** will provide a limited service/ staggered start for pupils due to staffing levels due to staff needing to isolate. The head of Care will contact parents during the next few days to inform parents of residential arrangements. Thank you for your patience.

However if your child is clinically vulnerable you must seek medical advice so that you can be assured it is safe for your child to return.

Wandsworth is in Tier 4 and currently has high infection rates which has also informed our decision. We are working with the Local Authority to obtain specific guidance on lateral flow testing to ensure that pupils are tested safely.

We suggest that if you would like your child to be tested you order a test online and speak to your health team.

Please remember if you or a member of your family has tested positive for Coronavirus you must follow the guidance on self-isolation.

If your child is unwell please do not return them to school on Monday 4th January but keep them at home and order a Coronavirus test. Please inform the school by calling our main school number

We must do all we can to protect our vulnerable pupils and importantly sustain the reopening of our school. As you will be aware the advice remains that wherever possible people should be staying at home. This is important to keep school bubbles safe.

Please look at our website for latest news, twitter and updates. Please contact the school from the 4th January when school re-opens so that we may answer any queries you may have and inform us of your child's absence.

Kind regards

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