



Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers of Oak Trees MAT Schools,

During the last few weeks, many areas across the country have seen an increase in COVID-19 cases and Wirral is no different, with more new cases of the Delta variant (previously called 'Indian variant') than any other variants of the virus.

Most areas within Cheshire and Merseyside have seen a few outbreaks in schools, with a couple of areas having experienced significant outbreaks in primary schools prior to and since the half term break. For Wirral, whilst cases per school remain very low at present, there have been a few small outbreaks which seem to be on the rise.

Following the recent announcements by the Prime Minister, schools will need to keep all protective measures in place. The Liverpool City Region has been added to the list for enhanced support due to rising cases, and at Oak Trees MAT schools we are doing everything we can to keep your child in school, including twice weekly testing of staff. The following points will hopefully serve as a reminder to parents and carers as to the Covid-19 policy for schools:

### Key points for Parents

Parents must immediately report any positive results using the NHS system and inform us at school.

Children, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature; new and continuous cough; loss of or change to your sense of taste or smell)
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has COVID-19 symptoms
- they are legally required to quarantine, having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area
- they have had a positive test
- have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive LFD or PCR test
- **Please remember to wear a mask when visiting our sites, observe social distancing when visiting schools and only come into schools if absolutely necessary. We have had feedback that at some schools a small number of parents are no longer wearing masks when entering the school grounds, but in light of the current increase in cases it is essential that all parents observe this request to help reduce transmission and keep the children in school.**

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Poulton Lancelyn Primary School  
Brackenwood Junior School  
Egremont Primary School  
Stanton Road Primary School  
Church Drive Primary School



By maintaining our mitigation strategies across all of our schools, we are certain that we can minimise any impact on our children, families and staff.

Your support in adhering to the key points above is greatly appreciated, and hopefully the vast majority of children will be unaffected and remain in school for the rest of the term.

I will write again soon with an update on MAT developments and successes, and once again may I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Lacey

CEO

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