

Dear Parents and Carers of all Oak Trees Multi Academy Trust Schools,

I am writing to confirm that all six Trust schools, including our new addition Brackenwood Junior School, will be open as normal next week. Whilst some primary schools in the south have been advised to close by the Government, this is not the case in our region, and all children should return to school next week as normal. I am aware that some schools have INSET days on Monday, but please check with your school if this is the case. We are looking forward to welcoming our families back and hopeful that we can continue to provide a high quality provision for every one of our children across the Trust.

As you will have seen in the media, Covid-19 cases are increasing at an alarming rate across the country and in our area, with Wirral cases increasing week-on-week for the past month and with no sign of slowing down. We are therefore asking all parents and carers to be particularly vigilant at this time, following all school protocols with regards to face coverings and drop-off/collection arrangements as set out by each school in the Autumn Term, and contact us straight away if you have any Covid-related concerns.

With the rising levels of positive tests for Covid-19 both locally and nationally, please may I remind you that the most common symptoms that we ask you to look out for are:

- High temperature
- New, persistent cough
- Loss of taste or smell

If your child, or anyone in your household are showing one or more of these symptoms, you/they **must** isolate and book a Covid test. **Your child/you MUST NOT attend school for any reason, even whilst wearing a mask, until a negative test result has been confirmed.**

If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 within your household, you **MUST** follow guidance and ensure that all members of the household isolates for a period of 10 days. If any member of your household then develops symptoms, they must also be tested.

It is not necessary to book a Covid test if you/your child has a common cold. If your child has a cold but is well enough to come to school, they can attend as normal.

If you are unsure about whether you/your child can come to school, ring the office from your home or contact 111 or 119 for advice. Please **do not** just turn up and ask at the school office.

Finally, I would like to thank the vast majority of parents and carers who have been incredibly supportive and positive during the pandemic. This has been an incredibly difficult time for all schools nationally, particularly with the often late, changing and conflicting advice given by the Government. I do not doubt that we will have further cases of Covid-19 in the next few months whilst the vaccine is being rolled out, and as such we will have to close further classes and move to online learning. I would ask that, if this is the case, parents continue to be supportive and appreciative of the difficulties facing our schools and work together with us to ensure that everyone across the Trust is kept as safe and well as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you back next week.



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