

Oakwood School &



Assessment Centre

Mrs T. McCann – Principal
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5th January 2022

Dear Parent,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

As you are aware we are doing everything in our power to keep our school open and our pupils and staff safe. However, given the increased incidences of Covid 19, Omicron variant, we have risk assessed our classes in order to have plans in place in the unlikely and unwanted event that we have to move to remote or blended learning.

Towards the end of last term, we experienced very high numbers of staff absence and consequently had to close a number of classes. We are attempting to put a system in place to prevent further class closure, but there may be times when this is not possible and individual classes or groups may be asked to remain at home on short notice.

We have returned to a system of class / group bubbles in order to ensure there is as little cross over as possible but this means that at times we may experience staff shortages in individual rooms while we attempt to source supply staff.

From next week we will be introducing twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing for staff and pupils, if you have not yet returned your child's consent form and wish them to take part in the testing programme, please do so. Regular testing is a significant mitigation against the spread of Covid.

May I once again ask you to be vigilant, and if your child is unwell in any way to please keep them at home. Apart from Covid, colds, flu and tummy bugs at this time of year cause significant absence and spread quickly in the school environment. By keeping your child at home for a few days when they are unwell you can help stop the spread of illness throughout the school and so assist us to keep the school open to all.

Your continued support and understanding is very much appreciated and together we are doing all in our power to keep our school fully open.

Should you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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