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Dear Parents and Carers.

Firstly, I thank you for your continuing support with our COVID-19 control measures and for liaising with us when your child displays any signs of feeling unwell. Your assistance in continuing to undertake lateral flow device tests or PCR tests is really appreciated. I am pleased as our school attendance is currently 96.2% significantly higher than the national primary attendance of 90.1%. With your assistance and support, we have been able to secure face to face teaching for all of our children.

Whilst the Government have implemented plan B, headteachers across Wolverhampton have been advised to remain cautious and to continue with proportionate protective measures to protect face to face teaching. To date, we have removed the one-way system but will continue with our 15 minute window of arrival in a morning (8:40-8:55 am) and slight staggered end of day times for some year groups. I realise the inconvenience this has caused for some of you with siblings in different year groups but I do thank you again for your support and understanding. I am hopeful to be able to revert to a normal school day immediately following our half-term holiday on Monday  $28^{th}$  February:

Arrival time: 8:45 – 8:55 am. Statutory registration: 8:55 am.

End of day: 3:15 pm.

I will confirm timings as we break up for half term on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February. School will be closed for children on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February for staff training; we will reopen for all children on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

For information, next week is Children's Mental Health Week and activities will be planned providing time for children to undertake wellbeing activities. In addition, on Tuesday, it is National Safer Internet Day and again, the day will be acknowledged with Year 5's assembly led by our Digital Ambassadors followed by lessons/information sharing for remaining safe online. If you wish to access sites for either children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week or National Safer Internet Day, please access: <a href="https://children'smentalhealthweek.org.uk">https://children'smentalhealthweek.org.uk</a> or <a href="https://saferinternet.org.uk">https://saferinternet.org.uk</a>.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please speak to either Mr Lane or I. Thank you.

Finally, to return back to the topic of COVID-19, I am pleased to report pupils who are currently positive are low in number with approximately one in each year group (none in Reception and 2 in Year 5). This term, more staff members than ever have tested positive and I would like to publicly thank all staff for their commitment to our school and for everyone's empathy, care and flexibility in maintaining class teaching and learning.

As a school, as a community, I appreciate the support and thank everyone for their part in the life of our Oak Meadow family. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr S Arnold Headteacher

