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Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Orange Corridor**

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and safe.

We continue to monitor school practices in relation to COVID-19 and our risk assessment is under constant review. We are doing all we can to ensure school is as safe as possible and examples of our practices include:

- frequent hand washing and disinfecting of surfaces and classroom equipment
- promotion of social distancing where possible
- carefully planned movement around the school
- start of the school day, going home and lunchtimes all carefully managed
- extra attention to school cleaning procedures
- appropriate PPE used when supporting children with their personal care

We have just updated our risk assessment to include the use of our sanitising misters. These use a super professional anti-viral disinfectant to decontaminate areas of the school when necessary. In this case, misted rooms can be reused within an hour after being misted.

Unfortunately, over the weekend I was informed that a second member of staff tested positive for COVID-19, in this case a Teaching Assistant. The class where this TA works has had to be closed until after half term.

I have more information today, which has led me to the decision to close the entire corridor until after half term. This will include the following classes:

- Foxes
- Badgers
- Jays
- Kestrels
- Daisies
- Butterflies
- Robins – already closed

The reason for this is that staff are helping children into school from their assigned corridor bubbles, not just their own classes. Therefore, in this case, the larger corridor bubble (not just the class bubble) will need to close to minimise risk and all pupils will need to isolate for 14 days.

During the isolation period your child's must not:

- go to school or public places
- go on public transport or use taxis
- go to the shops with you for food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care



- do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

The main symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms:

If your child has any of the main symptoms of Coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if they have Coronavirus as soon as possible.
- The whole family must stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

If your child is not showing any symptoms, the rest of the family can continue as normal.

I continue to liaise with KCC and Public Health England (PHE) so all of the appropriate authorities are aware of our situation. I am currently awaiting a telephone call from PHE for any further advice they can offer.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office, [office@Meadowfield.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@Meadowfield.kent.sch.uk)

Please join me in wishing our members of staff a speedy recovery and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back into school when it is safe to do so.

Yours faithfully

Jill M. Palmer  
Principal