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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sad to report that alongside a member of staff, we currently have five pupils who have tested positive on an LFD test, with two of our children and the member of staff having just received a confirmed positive result on a PCR test. At this moment in time, all the positive child cases are confined to Draconis Class. Close contacts have been contacted and advised to obtain a PCR test. We are currently awaiting the PCR results for the remaining children. **Symptoms have been reported as similar to a cold with one reporting a lack of taste.** We wish them all a speedy recovery.

We advise that all parents obtain LFD tests, which are available free from pharmacies, and regularly test your child and family. In the sad event of a positive result, please follow the guidance on our track and trace letter, which you received yesterday, and **contact the school via the school mailbox.**

Therefore, under the guidance of Public Health England, from Monday 19 July 2021, Meare Village Primary School will remain closed to all pupils. Unless guided by the NHS on receipt of a positive PCR result, **ALL children MUST isolate until midnight on Monday 26 July 2021.** Further information can be found on the initial letter that was sent to parents and carers on Friday.

As a result, we will be moving all lessons to Google Classrooms and your child's teachers are planning fun, end of term activities that your child can carry out at home with limited need for resources or detailed marking and feedback. We will be holding google meets and will be looking into ways to screen our KS2 production of The Tempest and holding an online Year 6 leavers' assembly. While we cannot promise we will be successful, rest assured that we will do all we can to make this happen.

As you can imagine, like you, we are devastated that after doing so well throughout the whole pandemic, we are ending our school year in this way. Being unable to say a proper goodbye to our children is extremely hard for us. **Even with all of the guidelines and procedures in place, the virus is infiltrating primary and secondary schools in the local area and across the country.** We thank you for your on-going support.

Kind Regards

Mrs Fellows

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