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Dear Families

Important information

I have been informed that a parent of a child in our EYFS class, (Ladybirds) has tested positive with the Corona Virus.

In order to help everybody make their own choices and risk assessments I am passing on the facts.

The last date this child attended school was 01-07-20.

All of this family are now being tested. These further results are not available as yet.

As a result I have followed the guidance and the actions listed below:-

- I have reported this to Public Health England PHE, the Kent support team.
- The EYFS class will have a further deep clean.

Public Health England – PHE advise that the longest the virus can survive on objects is 72 hours.

The infectious period for the virus before any symptoms can be seen on any person is 48 hours.

Therefore, in this particular case and set of circumstances the children and classroom are not in any danger of contamination. The pupil has not been in school since July 1st and only showed a slight symptom on July 5th.

It seems therefore that I have acted very much on the side of caution this morning. PHE accepted all my decisions as reasonable but have advised me that the EYFS can remain open.

If the test for our pupil comes back as positive then the PHE will look into the case as a single case outbreak and advise me again on next steps. The reason they provide step by step guidelines is because they look at other local cases and use information from a wider field.

I am sure that everyone understands that we have acted in the best interests of keeping our pupils and families safe. I needed to make some decisions quickly this morning and I apologise for the inconvenience this may have caused to family routines on a Monday morning!

I will contact all families once we have the result of the test.

I am urged by PHE to re-open the Reception class and the school to their siblings. It will be unlikely that the Bubble will need to close because the pupil has not been in school during the infectious time and they will continue to isolate.



Our thoughts and prayers go to the family and to everyone who has been affected by this virus.

Thank you to all the families who were so helpful and understanding this morning as I spoke to you.

We are all working through these uncertain times together and your support and kindness is very much appreciated.

The school will be open tomorrow for all those children who expected to attend school today.

If you choose not to send your children into school could you please let the school office know preferably via email secretary@deal-parochial.kent.sch.uk or telephone.

Kind regards

Ms Justine Brown.

