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Good afternoon Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish all our Meadowside families a Happy New Year. It is wonderful to be back at Meadowside and long may that continue. I am aware that the COVID situation is causing anxiety and concern to you all. Please may I reassure you that Meadowside staff and Governors are working closely, to ensure that the health and well-being of our pupils and our staff is as protected as possible.

You will all be aware that Gloucestershire has moved into Tier 4. Whilst the infection rate for Gloucestershire remains relatively low compared to other Tier 4 areas the situation is still highly concerning, as Gloucestershire hospitals are currently at full capacity with a shortage of intensive care beds.

At Meadowside, all our staff are extremely committed to our pupils and will want their classes open whenever feasible, however this cannot be at the expense of the health and safety and wellbeing of either pupils or staff. It may well be necessary to close bubbles this term, or to close the school, if directed to do so.

It is therefore vital that schools and families cooperate, with the aim of keeping the infection rate as low as possible.

- Any adults coming on to the school site must wear a face mask or covering
- ONE person only should drop off/collect, to minimise adults on site
- household members or a person in your childcare bubble should drop off/collect wherever possible

If anyone in your household had symptoms your child must NOT attend and the person(s) with symptoms should get a test - these symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of taste/smell.

The household must isolate until test results are known – at least 7 days for a positive result and 10 days for members of the household/close contacts.

With new variants of Covid having emerged recently, it becomes more difficult to predict what other symptoms might occur in children particularly. Therefore, if your child is feeling unwell generally, it is better to keep them at home and monitor their wellbeing. You will not be penalised as a family for taking a cautious approach. If your child shows symptoms or is unwell in school, you will be asked to collect them immediately.

A GP on the news this morning talked about the 'glitter effect' of Covid in children. You may

see few/no symptoms, but like when children use glitter, the virus can then spread everywhere, as children are naturally busy, active and gravitate to others!

Please make sure we have your up to date contact details in school.

We will contact you again tomorrow, with an important form to complete regarding keyworker provision (should this need to be activated due to a full closure).

I apologise again in advance for any enforced closures over the coming weeks and for any resulting difficulty and inconvenience. I reiterate that such closures will only occur if we are directed to do so, in the unlikely event that we cannot ensure safe staffing levels in schools or where there are positive COVID cases in the bubble your child is in.

Many thanks for your commitment and support – we are going to need to pull together in the next few weeks, with hope for longer-term positive change on the horizon.

Miss Thomas

Headteacher