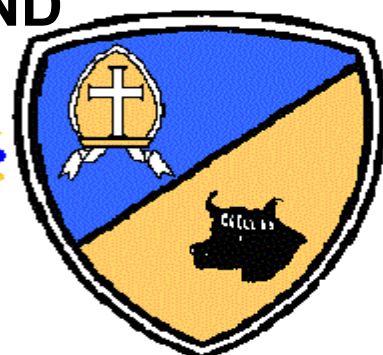


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Infection Control In School

As winter approaches and winter viruses affect our children, I am writing to ask you to support us in minimising the risk of passing illness throughout school. Guidance on common childhood infections and exclusion periods from school are detailed in Public Health England's document 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Other Childcare Settings', which can be found by following this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities> and the Public Health Agencies document https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf

If your child experiences sickness or diarrhoea we ask you to keep them off school for 48 hours from the last time they experienced symptoms. This follows the advice given by Public Health England.

If your child experiences a fever we ask you to keep them off for 24 hours after the fever breaks.

If your child experiences a rash of any kind we ask you to consult a medical practitioner to have it diagnosed, and keep your child off school for the advised exclusion period as well as inform us if it is diagnosed as infectious. If the rash starts in school we may contact you and ask you to collect your child to seek medical advice.

If you think your child may be suffering from any of the common childhood infections please seek medical advice and inform the school office.

Over the next few weeks we will also be encouraging children to wash their hands thoroughly, following the advice available at <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/homehygiene/Pages/how-to-wash-your-hands-properly.aspx>

Obviously our aim is for all our children to attend school regularly. However, if you think your child is unwell with symptoms including a high temperature, feeling sick, loss of appetite, aching body or suffering bad stomach cramps, please would you not send them in to school that day until they feel better. If your child is prescribed antibiotics that need administering four times per day or more these can be given during the school day, please contact the school office for advice.

In following the Public Health England advice and following these simple steps we can help minimise the spread of infection in school and reduce the sickness absence of all our children and staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr S Hardaker
Headteacher

