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Dear Parents

Re: Health Advice for Parents

Over the past two weeks we have had a number of children absent due to sickness and diarrhoea, high temperature and flu like symptoms. We do not believe the infections originated in school, however, we must reduce the risk of cross infection.

We have been working with the Health Protection Agency and they have informed us that this is a countywide health issue and not just isolated to Doxey Primary School.

Chartwells, our cleaning services company, carried out a deep clean in the Nursery after the initial outbreak, and following further advice from the Health Protection Agency, we will be extending this deep clean across the whole school. This will be carried out after school every day this week.

The guidance on infection control from the Health Protection Agency is as follows:

Diarrhoea/Sickness: Exclusion from school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea/sickness.
Flu (influenza): Exclusion from school until fully recovered.

These viruses can easily be spread by touch. They may be picked up from contaminated surfaces, objects or people and then passed onto other. Effective hand decontamination, either by washing with soap and water or with an alcohol-based handrub, is recognized as crucial in reducing infection.

We continue to be pro-active at school by encouraging the children and members of staff to increase their hand washing processes during school hours. We would like to ask for your support by also increasing hand hygiene processes at home to reduce cross infection and further spreading of these viruses.

We thank you for your continued support and assure you that every effort is being made to eliminate these viruses as much as possible within our school.

Yours sincerely

Janet Baker
Headteacher

