



21st November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been advised that in our local area there have been a noticeable rise in infectious illnesses such as coughs, Chicken Pox, Scarlett Fever and the Winter Vomiting Bug.

We have a number of children showing symptoms of some of these illnesses. On the advice of our local health protection team, we are putting the following measure in place:

- **Any child with a temperature must remain at home until the temperature has returned to normal and they are showing no other symptoms.**
- **Any child with a new cough that is stopping children from carrying out their daily activities, must remain at home for 3 days.**
- **Any child showing symptoms of vomiting or diarrhoea must remain at home for a minimum of 48 hours or until all symptoms have stopped.**
- **All children will use hand gel on entry and exit to the classroom.**
- **We will be encouraging children with a cold to catch it, bin it, kill it.**
- **We will be changing from hand dryers to paper towels as soon as we can secure a supply.**
- **We encourage parents of children who are not up to date with their childhood immunisations, including the flu vaccination, to make an appointment with the GP as soon as possible.**

Please can you keep in contact with the office to let us know why your child is absent, so that we can update the health protection team and will not keep ringing you.

Please be reassured that we are doing everything we should to prevent your child becoming unwell. Please also know that this is not uncommon across all local primary schools and it is a precautionary measure.

It is vitally important that we have your most up to date contact details and that you do answer your phone if we call.

If you would like any further information or advice, please call the school office.

Kind regards

Charmain May
Principal