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Head: Lucy Naylor

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Dear Parent / Guardian

**Re: Norovirus outbreak**

Please be aware that we have come into to school this morning to find that there has been an outbreak of sickness and diarrhoea.

We have sought advice from UK Health Security Agency North West Health Protection Team. They believe the rapid onset is probably due to Norovirus that is at peak levels at the moment in this area, as it does not link to one particularly year group, food or activity and is usually more prevalent in the earlier years.

If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they **MUST** be off school for 48 hours. We have had children sent into school with symptoms and we have asked for them to be collected, but in order to protect all children and staff please follow this rule. We will be contacting parents if their child feels unwell and asking for them to be picked up to try and limit the spread further.

In addition, we have:

- Cancelled trips and visitors for the next two days
- Enhanced cleaning of all work surfaces, frequently touched surfaces and toilets
- Enhanced hand washing of all children at break and before and after lunch and on exit from school
- Closed all sand, water and play doh from KS1
- Stopped any animal petting taking place

We would like to keep school open during this outbreak and we are trying to ensure that our staff are able to come into school and the virus doesn't spread further so please could you also support us by:

- Ensuring changes of uniform



- Showering/ bathing children tonight
- Washing of hands before school
- Enhanced cleaning of your surfaces
- Keeping children off school if they are unwell or if they have been sick or have diarrhoea, keeping your child off school for 48 hours.

Thank you so much for all your help. As you can appreciate, we are pretty busy ensuring all these things happen and answering/ making calls so please text in or leave a message if your child is ill through the night.

Kind regards,  
Lucy Naylor

