



8th December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, we have several cases of sickness across the school. We are already ensuring that extra measures are in place due to Covid-19, so these will help, but I have reminded both staff and children about the importance of hand hygiene and the extra cleaning that we have in place.

The measures that are in place to stop the spread of any virus are:

- Extra hand washing and sanitising.
- Extra cleaning of door handles, push plates and surfaces.
- Adults to wear face coverings in communal areas.
- Wiping down of shared resources i.e., ipads.
- Minimising the mixing of pupils in and around school.

We will also inform the cleaners so that the classrooms can have a deep clean and will be 'fogged' and left overnight.

Some parents questioned if the sickness could have come from food poisoning caused by the school lunches. We have looked at all the children who have sickness symptoms and many of them had packed lunches brought from home, so this indicates it is a virus. I have of course, ensured that the kitchen is following correct guidance around food preparation, and I am confident that this is the case.

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell and display any sickness or covid symptoms. If your child is sick or has diarrhea, they must stay off school for **48 hours** since their last episode.

If the symptoms are a high temperature, new persistent cough or loss of taste or smell then please take your child for a PCR test. You can book a PCR test by clicking on this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please telephone or email school if you child is unwell and ask for advice if you are unsure.

Thank you for your support and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely

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