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Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter illness: Keeping our children healthy

As we move further into the school term, we are entering the time of year when seasonal illnesses such as colds, flu and other infections become more common. We would like to remind families about the helpful guidance available to support you in deciding when your child should attend school and when they should remain at home.

😷 **Is my child too ill for school?**
The NHS has clear guidance to help parents and carers decide whether their child is well enough to attend school.
Find out more: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/
Please not our current policy in school is 24 hours not 48hours after sickness or diarrhoea

Attendance matters
We know that children can experience minor illnesses from time to time, particularly during the winter months. Where your child is well enough to attend, coming into school helps them to keep learning, stay connected with their friends and maintain their usual routine.
The NHS guidance can help you decide whether your child is well enough to come into school or would be better cared for at home.
We really appreciate your support in helping your child attend school as regularly as possible, while also making sure they have time to recover when they are genuinely unwell.
You can now let us know if you child is feeling a little under the weather before school by completing our new under the weather form this way we can keep an eye on them through the day and you are also able to give permission for medicine.

💊 **Medication in school**
Where appropriate, the school can give children medicine, this may include paracetamol and prescribed medication, such as calpol or antibiotics, provided by the parent/carer. Medication must be suitable for administration during the school day, and the required parental medication form must have been completed and returned to the school.

If a child reports feeling unwell during the school day, parents/carers may be contacted in the first instance to discuss whether appropriate medication can be provided, particularly where symptoms are consistent with a common seasonal illness and the pupil is otherwise well enough to remain in school.
Where a child is considered too unwell to remain in school, parents/carers will be contacted to make arrangements for them to go home.

Yours sincerely

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