



St. Peter's

Church of England Primary School

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WARN AND INFORM: Sickness in school

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are writing to inform you that there are currently a high number of cases of sickness within school. This illness is common in the community. Due to the high absence rate in pupils and staff caused by this illness, we have reported it to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) who are advising on how to manage the outbreak. We are following their advice, including increasing our cleaning schedule, particularly for eating surfaces and toilets.

We would be very grateful for your support in helping to limit the spread of the infection.

NHS Guidance on Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child develops symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting:

- Keep them home from school until they are symptom-free for at least 48 hours.
- Ensure they do not mix with other children outside the home during this time.
- Encourage good hand hygiene by regularly washing hands with soap and water.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you and ask that you collect them as soon as possible.

General illness guidance

The NHS has clear guidance on managing other common childhood illnesses:

- **Coughs and colds:** Your child can attend school with a minor cold but should be kept home if they have a high temperature.
- **High temperature:** If your child has a temperature of 38°C or higher, keep them at home until the fever has passed.
- **Rashes:** If your child develops a rash, you should check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us protect the health and safety of our entire school community.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Griffiths
Headteacher