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Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you are aware, we have children absent from school today due to reported cases of sickness and diarrhoea. I would like to start by thanking you for keeping your child home for 48-hours if this is the case. The 48-hour rule is extremely important as it prevents bugs from being spread to others.

To put minds at rest, I have spoken to the Public Health Team.

Firstly, I would like to clarify two statements that parents had reported to the Public Health Team that are untrue. Firstly, buckets have not been put into classrooms so the children can be sick into them and secondly, we do not encourage anyone to be in school before the 48-hour rule has passed. In fact, quite the contrary, we do get children back in school the day after an upset stomach or sickness and we have to send them home again.

Working in a school environment will mean that there are times when viruses are circulating.

To ensure illnesses do not escalate, it is important that parents do the following:

- Follow the 48-hour rule if your child has sickness or diarrhoea.
- Ensure good toileting procedures so that your child is able to clean themselves, and wash their hands thoroughly using soap and warm water.
- Washes hands before eating.
- Uses a tissue to blow their nose and put it in the bin.

To ensure any illness does not escalate, school will:

- Encourage good hand hygiene before eating and after toileting.
- Ensure robust cleaning routines are in place.
- Wipe down surfaces and touch points.
- Suspend activities such as cooking.
- Make adaptations to the school timetable as necessary.

It is important to note that the Public Health Team are satisfied with all schools actions and procedures. To ensure there isn't an outbreak in school, the Public Health Team have suggested the circulation of the fact sheet attached to all parents for your information.

*The Lord says "I will guide you along the best pathway of your life.
I will advise you and watch over you."
Psalm 32:8 NLT*



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jearrad".

Mrs J Jearrad
Headteacher