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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: School Policy on sickness and diarrhoea

I am writing to remind all parents that your child should be kept off school for 48 hours **after** the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Over the last month, we have had four members of staff absent due to sickness and diarrhoea which can be directly linked to them working with children who have returned to school too early.

I appreciate that there are a lot of bugs and viruses going around at this time of year but if children return to school too early and then pass on the bugs to our staff there is a risk that some areas of the school may have to close due to a staffing crisis. I also understand the pressure having a sick child puts on the family in terms of time off work but it is essential that we adhere to control of infection guidelines to protect the health and well-being of all children and our staff.

If a child returns to school and we have reason to believe that they have had sickness or diarrhoea the day before, the office will contact parents to discuss the matter further. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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