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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Swine Flu

Attached is a document from the Health Protection Agency.

As I am sure you are aware, schools have to follow the dictates of the HPA and the Local Authority regarding all health issues.

You may have heard that we have had one confirmed mild case of Swine Flu in school. We have been assured by the HPA that there is no cause for alarm and that school should remain open.

Since the first concern, earlier in the year, over this illness, staff have had tissues for students in classrooms and clear notices are on cloakroom doors about thorough hand washing.

If your child demonstrates the following – cough and/or shortness of breath, aching muscles, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, loss of appetite, headache, malaise (lethargy, listlessness), chills – the current advice is:

If you have not recently travelled to affected areas, you should be guided by the severity and number of symptoms, **as you would normally**. Clearly a child should not attend school if they are suffering with a fever: Beyond that they should not attend if their other symptoms are significant. They would normally be expected to remain absent until well enough to return.

If you have travelled to/ from the affected areas or have been in close contact with someone who has, within the past 7 days, and are showing signs of flu-like symptoms i.e. fever accompanied by one or more of a cough, sore throat, headache and muscle aches, you are advised *not* to go to your GP practice. To limit contact with others stay at home and call your doctor or contact NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 or via www.nhs.uk

Where can I find out more information?

As cold, hard facts usually reduce anxiety, I have included a number of information websites that you may find useful:

The Surrey Alert website - <http://www.surreyalert.info/>

The Surrey Health NHS website - <http://www.surreyhealth.nhs.uk/>

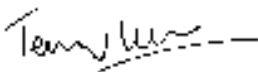
The Government Information Website -

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/NI1/Newsroom/index.htm>

Health Protection Agency Website - <http://www.hpa.org.uk/>

I would like to assure that we take all matters relating to health and safety very seriously and should the instructions from the HPA change, I will of course update parent(s)/carer(s).

Yours sincerely,



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