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Exceptional School Closure

Dear parents and carers,

Over the past few days we have seen significantly high numbers of pupil and staff absences (over 50 pupils on a daily basis) due to in particular sickness and diarrhoea. These high levels of absence have continued to remain high – well above levels expected. Every school has waves of sickness, but the levels that the school has seen this week is particularly higher than normal.

The health and well-being of our pupils and staff are our absolutely priority. Following advice from health officials, the **school will be closed on Friday 30th November** so we are able to undertake a rigorous deep clean of the school, as a precautionary measure, to try to prevent further spread of any infections or illness.

In a school of our size, this is a lengthy process and so we have had to make the difficult decision to close the school on Friday. The closure of our school is always a last resort, however, in this instance, we feel that a robust response is needed to deal with the situation.

In addition and in order to be proactive in reducing any further risk of infection, we will be implanting controlled deep cleaning when the school reopens and increasing routines such as handwashing and sanitising in class, to support this. If you child has an allergy to hand sanitiser or other cleaning products, please let the school know.

For those children who are at home and unaffected by the virus, we will be forwarding home learning on Thursday.

We plan to **reopen on Monday 3rd December**.

We will be sending all items home with your child such as water bottles, pencil cases, as well as the PE kit your child has been wearing. Please take this opportunity to clean all items, including your child's school uniform, to help eradicate any germs. Please ensure the PE kit is returned next week.

If you experience any of the above symptoms, can we please remind parents and carers, at this time, that children should be absent for 48 hours to again reduce the risk and spread of these illnesses.

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone in the school community for their support and understanding, during this time and thank our parents and carers in advance, for supporting our efforts to limit any further spread of infections by cleaning your child's school items at home.

We wish all those affected a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming everyone back in to school on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. Hill

