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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have a number of children absent with sickness and diarrhoea. As always in these situations, we have carefully investigated the absences and established that this number includes children who have both packed lunches and school dinners.

We have taken advice from our Health & Safety team and Public Health England who have advised the following recommendations.

1. If a child has diarrhoea or sickness they must not return before 48 hours of their last symptom.
2. Introduce hand washing routine,
 - when children come into school
 - before playtimes
 - before eating
 - using warm water and soap

Hand sanitizer should not be used instead of soap but can be used in addition to soap and water. Younger children should be supervised when washing hands.

3. Staff will increase cleaning in their classrooms and teaching areas
4. Symptomatic children will be separated from other children until collected from school

We are carrying out a deep clean of classrooms and will continue to work to maintain a hygienic school environment.

If your child is unwell with sickness and diarrhoea then please follow the guidelines and keep them away from school for 48 hours following the last bout of illness.

Unfortunately, if a child returns whilst still infectious, it prolongs the spread of the illness across the school community.

Thank you for your support,

Jo Hall

Jo Hall
Executive Headteacher

