

8th July 2009

Dear Parent/Carer

The school has been informed that one of our students is a suspected case of Influenza A type H1N1 (also known as 'swine flu').

The student is receiving the appropriate medical treatment and recovering at home.

The school has been advised that no other actions are necessary and the school will remain open as usual.

The school is working closely with the Health Protection Agency to monitor the situation.

If you or your child develops symptoms of flu-like illness the advice of the Health Protection Agency is to stay at home and contact your GP or NHS Direct on 0845 4647. Each case will be assessed and, if necessary, treatment will be provided.

If your child has an underlying medical condition such as chronic respiratory or heart disease, chronic renal or liver disease, diabetes or immunosuppression (such as treatment for cancer) they should be given antiviral treatment if they develop flu like symptoms. This can be arranged by ringing your GP and saying that you have received this letter from your school.

Pregnant or immunosuppressed staff with symptoms should contact their GP for advice.

Good basic hygiene can help to reduce transmission of all viruses, including swine flu. This includes: -

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Dispensing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Making sure your children follow this advice.

For more information on swine flu call the national information line on 0800 1 513 513.

Yours sincerely

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