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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff Members

I am writing to let you know that a number of children have been absent from school today with vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

We have advised the Devon Health Protection Team (HPT) to make them aware. We have followed all their advice today with regards to additional cleaning, handwashing, restricting activities that could spread the virus and sending children home as soon as they show any symptoms.

We have been advised that this sort of virus is highly infectious and spreads easily from person to person. Therefore we are asking for your help to prevent further illness within the school by following the advice below, which is provided by Public Health England South West.

- If your child develops symptoms of diarrhoea and/or vomiting, please keep them off school and away from other childcare setting until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours.
- Good hygiene is important to stop the spread of infection, especially hand washing, frequently and thoroughly with soap and water, particularly after using the toilet and before eating or handling food.
- It is important to clean up carefully when someone has been sick as vomit is very infectious. It is important to clear up spills of vomit or faeces immediately, by thorough washing of the contaminated environment with detergent and hot water. For hard surfaces, (floor, work tops etc, an additional disinfection with a dilute solution of Milton or household bleach (according to manufacturer's instructions) will reduce the contamination. DO NOT MIX these substances with soap and water.
- Be sure that each family member uses separate towels and flannels which are changed and washed frequently.

**Headteacher:** Karen Dixon

**Deputy Headteacher:** Julie Solomon

- If symptoms persist after 48 hours, or if you are concerned, please contact your GP by phone or call 111 for non-emergency medical advice.

We would like to thank you for your help with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Dixon  
Headteacher

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