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Dear Parents

We are writing to you with the latest advice from Public Health England with regard to infection control in schools.

Some of the most common illnesses are listed below, however the full document can be found by following this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/infection-control-in-schools-poster>. A copy is also on the school website www.holmfirthjinschool.net.

Sickness and/or Diarrhoea

Public Health recommends that following a bout of diarrhoea or vomiting children should not return to school until *"48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting"*. **In light of this advice we ask that this rule be followed at all times**, children who have been sent home after being sick or having diarrhoea in school will not be allowed to return for 48 hours. This is required to stop the spread of such bugs through school.

Impetigo

Public Health recommends that children are kept from school *"until lesions are crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment"*.

Measles

Public Health recommends that children are kept from school *"4 days from the onset of rash"*.

Flu

Public Health recommends that children are kept from school *"until they are recovered"*.

Slapped Cheek

Public Health recommends that children are not kept from school once the rash has developed. However school should be informed as Slapped Cheek may have implications for pregnant women.

Recently we have had a spate of such illnesses and we know how upsetting and traumatic it can be for all the family and by following these rules we may be able to slow down or even stop the spread of these bugs.

We thank you for your cooperation with these guidelines, which we have discussed with the School Nurse Team (tel: 01484 690338).

If you have any further queries please contact either the school, the school nurses or your GP.

Yours sincerely

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