

JT/RC

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Dear Parents and Guardians

### **Sickness Bug**

During the course of this week, we have had several pupils suffering with a sickness bug and although we have had no confirmed cases of 'norovirus', also known as the winter vomiting bug, it is possible that some of our reported absences may relate to this group of viruses.

To limit the spread of infection it is important for any pupil suffering from sickness and/or diarrhoea to remain at home until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours. Observing good hand hygiene can also help to minimise the spread of such infections.

For more information please refer to the following NHS Choices 'norovirus' web link (you will need to hold down 'Ctrl' and double click to follow the link):

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Yours sincerely

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