



## Bransgore Church of England Primary School

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Re: PS/PB 26/06/2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you are aware, we have had a number of pupils, mainly in Lions, Tigers and Key Stage 1 who have contracted a high temperature and a sore throat. It appears that we are not the only school locally with this issue but we appear to have been quite badly hit this time after avoiding the last few school outbreaks of ill health last winter.

I have been informed that a number of parents are taking to Facebook to voice their concerns which is never helpful and we would much prefer it if you updated us directly on the condition of your little one and also came to talk to us directly if you have any worries or concerns. If we stick to direct communication it ensures that everyone is in possession of the facts and people don't get worried or anxious for the welfare of their children.

Since we heard about the first of our children being poorly over the weekend we have carried out a thorough deep clean of the infant end of the school and spoken to all children again to remind them about hand washing. We have been in regular contact with, and followed the advice of Public Health England who have assured us that we are doing all that we can reasonably do to minimise the risk of the illness being passed on.

We have also spoken to our local Doctors' surgeries via our Health Partnership meeting today and they say that the illness is as yet unidentified but may be any number of common airborne viruses. The temperature and sore throat symptoms are non-specific and we have yet to be given an answer as to what the virus may be. The advice from Public Health England is to continue to clean, continue to deliver our hand washing message and to report any further concerns to the Department. There is no evidence to suggest that anything in the school has caused the outbreak and it is likely to be airborne but we shall continue to take all reasonable precautions. From tomorrow, we will issue each class with hand sanitizer to make certain that pupils' hands are clean. **If your child is allergic to hand sanitizer or there is any other reason why you do not wish for your child to have sanitizer administered, please inform the school office.**

I hope that this letter goes some way towards reassuring you that we are in control of the situation, there is no crisis and no reason to keep your little one away from school unless they are poorly.

I would be really grateful to have your trust in this matter and hope that you know that we always do all we can to keep your children as safe, happy and healthy as we would our own.

Many thanks in anticipation of your patience and support,

**Mr. Brown.**

Headteacher