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Dear Parents/Carers

The Sickness Bug - Information for Parents & Carers

We hope by now you will all have received our earlier letter on this subject which was sent home with children on Monday. Unfortunately we were unable to email it to parents as our school computer system was also very “poorly” and consequently not operational.

We are very well aware that parents/carers are very concerned about this outbreak of sickness in school and hope that the following information will help to allay those concerns.

- As soon as it became clear that this outbreak was particularly infectious we sought advice from the following:
 - *East Riding of Yorkshire Council
 - *School Health
 - *Environmental Health
- To help prevent the continued spread of the outbreak, the considered opinion, is that everyone **MUST** adhere to the following essential precautions:-

✓ Ensure your child is able to wash their hands effectively after using the toilet and also before and after eating. **They must scrub their hands with soap (both sides and in between their fingers) for several seconds - the time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” is a good guide. Then wash off all soap with water and dry their hands thoroughly.**

✓ If your child suffers any vomiting or diarrhoea (however mild) they **MUST NOT** be in school until at least 48 hours has elapsed since the last incidence of vomiting or diarrhoea. This is because they remain infectious for this length of time even though they appear to have recovered and appear symptom free.

- It is highly probable that this is an outbreak of the Winter Vomiting Virus which as you will be aware is very infectious. Since the outbreak is likely to be caused by a virus please note that anti-bacterial gels will be of little use. The best advice is for hands to be washed with soap

and water (using the method outlined above) and for toilets to be cleaned with bleach.

- The school's caretakers and cleaners, as always, maintain very high standards of cleanliness throughout school and have been working very hard to deal with the aftermath of incidences of sickness in school as quickly as possible.

We now need your assistance to help us eradicate this virus from our school community by following the advice above. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Orr', written in a cursive style.

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Headteacher