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Dear Parents,

Measles, Chicken Pox, Shingles and Gastroenteritis

We need to ask for your cooperation in a very important matter.

One of our pupils, Abigail Laidlaw in Opal Class, has leukaemia. This puts her at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox, shingles or gastroenteritis (sickness/diarrhoea).

Thankfully Abigail has completed the most intense part of her two year treatment plan and will now be in school a lot more, something she is delighted about!

Your child is not at *any risk whatsoever* from this situation. However, the health of a child with leukaemia is at risk. We know we can rely on your help. Due to her continued treatment, her immune system is still compromised and at the moment is very low. Abigail would need to be given an injection within three days of contact with chicken pox. Please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child has chicken pox.

It is also important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles. We also continue to ask and remind you to inform school immediately if your child has gastroenteritis; it is important that any child suffering from sickness or diarrhoea is kept away from school for at least 48 hours, as usual. Thorough hand washing with warm water and soap should also be reinforced at home and school to minimise the risk of cross infection. Please follow the usual protocol of contacting school should your child be suffering from any of the above.

There may be situations where you are uncertain whether your child is ill, especially in the early stages and it would be impractical to keep them away from school on these occasions. However, Abigail's parents would like to know if you have any issues relating to possible illness so that they can keep Abigail at home. Please contact Jo, Abigail's Mum, directly on 07988 081060 if you have any questions.

I know you all want to support Abigail and her family in every way you can and we appreciate this greatly.

Kind regards

E.A. Crayton

