

# Frizington Community Primary School

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Dear Parents

## Re: Viral Gastroenteritis

We have identified that a number of children within School are off ill at the present time with symptoms of vomiting and / or diarrhoea. The numbers are larger than would normally be expected. The symptoms are suggestive of viral gastroenteritis (often caused by norovirus) and it is known that high levels of viral illness are currently circulating in the community.

If your child is affected with these symptoms we would like to reiterate to parents, carers and staff members that children should remain off School until they have been **symptom free for 48 hours**. This advice will be strictly adhered to for the general health and wellbeing of the whole school community.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Information about viral gastroenteritis is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-vomiting-gastroenteritis/>.

Unfortunately, due to the volume of absence we have made the decision to postpone the disco tomorrow night to ensure that no children who could be contaminated return to School and in anticipation that there may be more absence tomorrow. We have therefore re-arranged the disco to take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm. It will still be Halloween dress-up as we know the children are looking forward to showing their costumes.

The photographer will be returning to School in the near future to catch up with those children who have been absent today – date to be confirmed.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Rose  
Head Teacher

