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Dear Parents / Carers,

Guidance on Infection Control in Schools

We have had a number of discussions with parents recently concerning when their child can return to school after suffering from any particular infection.

As a general rule, if your child has an infectious condition and has been prescribed antibiotics, they should not return until at least the third day after starting treatment.

However, there are many infections that a child can have, some are infectious and some aren't and some may require longer periods to be kept away from school. Clearly with the vulnerability of our particular pupils, we have to be strict in the decisions we make on whether we feel a child is well enough to return in order to ensure the safety of all our pupils.

I would therefore ask all parents that if your child has an illness, before you return them to school you should:

- a) Refer to the Government document on our website entitled 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Childcare Settings'. This lists the main types of infections and the recommended period your child should be kept off school.
- b) Ring school to discuss when your child should return.

I hope that this helps to clarify the situation. Please be assured that these measures are to protect the health of all our children.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Dengel
Principal