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Dear Parents and Carers.

## **RE: Reporting illness**

I am writing to remind you about the importance of informing the school if your child is unwell. Some of the pupils at our school are immunocompromised and receiving medical treatment. This treatment means that their immune system is low which puts their health at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles or other infectious diseases. There is no risk at all for your own child from this situation.

## Measles/Chickenpox/Shingles

It is important that you do not send your children to school if they have an infectious disease (such as measles, chickenpox, diarrhoea or vomiting) For more information about how long an illness is contagious, contact your GP or visit <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/</a>. Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles or chickenpox. This will allow us to notify the family straightway so that they can take the necessary precautions. It is also important that you let us know if someone in your household has shingles. Shingles is the same virus as chickenpox.

## Diarrhoea/Vomiting

If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, NHS guidance recommends that children must remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of illness. This is essential to help avoid spreading an infection.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Caireann Conlon
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