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Dear Parents / Carers,

Covid – Illness updates:

The start of term has been a busy one for schools, however children have settled in really well and on the whole, attendance remains good. Reminder our Junior children must be in school before 8.50 a.m. as there are a few who are consistently late. This results in classes having interruptions to their first lesson.

Since the start of term, the Local Authority has been settling in to a new way of working with Covid cases. Although the incidence of positive cases amongst students is high in some schools, (mainly Secondary) there are very low levels of illness: the vast majority of young people are only displaying very mild symptoms or are in fact asymptomatic. Also important to note, is that the number of new cases across the county has been falling steadily week on week.

However, the return of schools and the arrival of autumn means common colds and other respiratory infections are firmly on the rise, spreading coughs and sneezes, more severe illnesses, and prompting some to report their worst colds ever.

According to Public Health England, there is no particularly nasty new virus doing the rounds, but as cases rise, experts warn that people can expect more frequent infections and more serious symptoms now the UK is emerging from lockdown and facemasks are not consistently being used.

Common colds and other respiratory tract infections tend to ramp up in September when the schools go back and Autumn arrives, but after 18 months of social distancing and mask wearing, many people are thought to have weaker immune defences to protect themselves against the onslaught of respiratory viruses.

If your child is feeling ill, please continue to inform our school by phoning or e-mailing in.

Thank you for continuing to support us through another unpredictable period.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Burke
Head Teacher