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Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to you regarding the current level of illness in school. We do have a number of children absent at the moment, however the reasons for their absence are varied across school (flu-type colds, chicken pox, diarrhoea, vomiting).

We have spoken with Public Health England and have been told that we have no reason to close the school at this time. All of the illnesses that are presenting are in the community and not just school therefore it is imperative that precautions are taken at all levels. Here in school we have a dedicated cleaning team that are committed to maintaining a cleaning regime for all 'high touch' areas (door handles, toilet handles, stair rails etc.) and we are ensuring that all children wash their hands regularly.

If your child has been unwell then we would like to ask that you do not send them back to school prematurely. Our recommended leave of absence for sickness and diarrhoea is 48 hours and your child should be symptom free and eating well prior to their return.

If your child becomes unwell at school, and in an effort to stop the spread of these viruses, then we will phone home and ask for you or your child's carer to collect them from school.

Should you have any other queries regarding this letter please email the school on info@manstonstjames.co.uk or call the office on 0113 859 2073.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

Ashleigh Dunn
Headteacher

