Ashford Church of England
Primary School

30 January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, there are a number of colds and flu, sickness bugs and viruses active at the moment. Schools are particularly prone to the spread of this sort of infection. We currently do not have one clear infection but we do have a number of children absent with a range of illnesses. During this time of increased infections, please can I request that if your child contracts a sickness bug that you keep them at home for 48 hours rather than 24 hours after the last episode of the illness. This will help to contain the spread of infection.

During this time we will not be serving the "buffet style" salad bar at lunchtime. This will be replaced by counter service. We will also not be undertaking food preparation lessons. If your child attends cookery club, this will go ahead but with an alternative activity available.
All the children are being reminded about regular handwashing and we are continuing to be vigilant about cleaning and care for our school community.

Please do not be alarmed by this letter or the text sent yesterday. This is not unusual for this time of year and current advice is that the worse of the bugs are likely to be over by the end of half term.

Please remember to notify the school office if your child is absent for any reason by phone, email or in person at drop off. It is essential that you notify us as soon as possible on the first day of absence. Please do not wait for us to contact you. It is essential that we have at least two contacts for each family in case we need to contact you if your child is absent or becomes unwell during the day.

How you can help?
- Talk to your child about washing their hands. They need to wash them for as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday to You" the whole way through.
- Remember to contact the school if your child is absent
- Please check that we have at least two contacts.
- Donate a box of tissues
- Refilling and washing your child's water bottle daily

Yours sincerely

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