

Dear Parent/Carer

A small number of pupils are suspected of being diagnosed as having the Influenza A/H1N1 virus or 'swine flu'. We want to reassure you that the symptoms of the virus are mild and in the majority of cases children are poorly for just a few days.

It is not necessary for our school to close, so it is business as usual. The latest expert scientific advice is that individual school closures to stop the spread of disease are of limited benefit.

**The most important advice to limit spread is that children who have symptoms of flu like illness should stay away from school.** As far as possible they should not mix with others until they have completely recovered and are free of symptoms. Many children will be fully recovered after three or four days, others may take seven days. All children who are not ill, including those who may have been in contact with someone with flu like symptoms and are still well themselves, are expected to come to school. We will follow up non-attendance in the usual manner.

If you think your child has swine flu you can contact the National Pandemic Flu Service on 0800 15 13 100 or at [www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk](http://www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk) for advice. Further information including advice for parents and carers of children can be found on the Health Protection Agency website <http://www.hpa.org.uk>.

Yours Faithfully

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