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Dear Parents/Carers

We often receive phone calls from parents whose children are unwell, requesting guidance from us as to whether to keep their child away from school or not. Ultimately as their parent, you are the one who knows your child best and as such, you are the person best placed to decide whether or not you think they will be able to cope with a school day. Obviously, if your child is suffering from an illness but is not too unwell in themselves, our advice would always be to bring them into school and we will call you if we have any concerns that their health may be deteriorating.

Common colds, coughs, sore throats and high temperatures affect everyone at different times in the year and when your child is affected by any of these our advice is that if your child is otherwise well in themselves and not suffering too much with lethargy, to please send them in. If we are concerned that they are not coping, we will always call you.

We are unable to authorise any absence for parent or sibling illness and so if you are unwell, or have another child absent from school due to illness, please do try everything possible to ensure that you have made the necessary arrangements to make certain that any other children do not miss out on their day at school.

We have access to a list of Guidelines and Recommendations for Schools and Nurseries, which we would refer to, as to whether a child should be kept away from school with certain types of illnesses. As aforementioned, as their parent you know your child best and the ultimate decision lies with you.

It is always our hope that the children we have here in school are healthy and happy. In striving to enable each child to reach their full learning potential, all schools stress the importance to both children and parents of the need for maximum attendance and punctuality wherever possible.

We hope that you find the above information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Plunkett
Headteacher