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RE: Acute Respiratory Infection symptoms and actions: Letter to parents/ carers of pupils

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This letter is to inform you that we have received reports that a number of pupils and staff have been unwell with <u>respiratory symptoms</u> (including COVID-19 and Flu) within the school.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are providing the following advice:

- The school remains open and anyone who is feeling well should continue to attend
 as normal. Please note, that if anyone with a <u>high temperature or feeling unwell</u>,
 should NOT attend school, nor should they mix with others outside of the setting,
 until they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.
- Anyone with a complex medical history (e.g. long-term underlying illness), should seek prompt medical advice from their doctor/GP if they develop any respiratory symptoms.
- 3. Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. Symptoms can be caused by several respiratory infections including the common cold, COVID-19, flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). For most individuals these illnesses will not be serious, and they would be able to recover soon. If you have any concerns, then please do consult your doctor/GP for advice and medical assessment.

Flu vaccination: Anyone eligible for seasonal flu vaccination, and has not received it this year, should aim to get this as soon as possible.

- Children in Reception to Year 11 who have not yet received their flu vaccination this
 academic year can contact Vaccination UK to book a vaccination at one of their local
 community clinics. Their contact details are: 0208 150 7505, or by email:
 enfield@v-uk.co.uk
- For any child aged 2 or 3 on 31st August 2024 (which includes those who may have turned 4 since then), please contact your GP.
- Any child aged 6 months to under 18 years in a clinically at-risk group can also receive the flu vaccine at your GP surgery. Please contact your practice if you are unsure regarding eligibility.

- For more information on flu & vaccination eligibility and how to book, please <u>click</u> <u>here</u>
- Vaccination UK's website can be found here

For further information click on each:

<u>Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19</u>
People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19
Respiratory tract infections (RTIs) - Flu

Yours sincerely,

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