



Monday 27 January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite the Christmas rest, we *continue* to note usually higher level of sickness amongst students with previously great attendance. We hope they all have speedy recoveries and thank parents for their contact with us each morning of absence.

There appear to be an unusually high number of stomach bugs, colds and flu-like symptoms at this time. I know how hard it is to balance the desire to toughen them up and get them into school, versus the necessity to simply take care of them and keep them at home.

The Coronavirus is of course on everyone's mind right now and we remain aware of [the advice and guidance provided](#) to us regarding associated risks in the UK. We began the term with the visit of some students and staff from China. I am pleased to tell you none of our visitors had or have since shown any symptoms of the virus, in addition to having been screened on their return to mainland China. We shall send them our best wishes and hope that the situation improves in their country in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, we live in an international village these days and must remain alert to any symptoms that cause concern. It is therefore useful to remind you that if you do have any worries in this regard that you call the NHS 111 number, as opposed to visiting your local GP or A&E services.

Yours sincerely

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