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Dear Parents and Carers,

From time to time, children are sick (vomit) either at home or at school. Unfortunately, it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, and therefore it is essential that the same rule of containment applies in all cases of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting commonly affects children and staff. It can be caused by a number of different germs, including viruses, parasites and bacteria. Infections can be easily spread from person to person (by unwashed hands), especially in children. In general, it is recommended that any staff member or child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting symptoms must stay away from the school until they have been free of symptoms for 48 hours (the '48 hour rule') and feel well. Personal hygiene whilst ill must be very strict.

If your child is sick at school, we will ask you or your emergency contact to take your child home. They should not return for 48 hours. We appreciate that this is inconvenient in many cases, and you may not believe your child is ill, but you will appreciate that if we do this in all cases, it should reduce the risk of infection for all children in school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours faithfully,

The Medical Team



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