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Dear Parents,

We have only been back in school for one week and already the usual "back to school" illnesses have begun to appear.

At the end of the summer holidays, we sent home an addendum to the school's behaviour policy. This was adopted from Wiltshire policy and expectations which was sent to all schools.

The expectation stated:

"Parents and carers must not send their children to school with any symptoms of illness, however mild, including fever, diarrhoea, nausea, sore throat, cough, loss of smell/taste, rashes etc. The school reserves the right to refuse entry to any pupil where there are legitimate concerns regarding the health of a pupil. It will be the parent's responsibility to collect their child within a 30-minute period where the child becomes unwell or appears unwell."

We do appreciate that sometimes children have slight colds or sniffles etc and the above statement can be difficult to interpret. At Urchfont, we are asking parents to take a pragmatic approach to this policy and work with us in keeping the classes and school open during this difficult time. A slight sniffle with no other symptoms such as a sore throat or temperature will be allowed and your child will be able to come to school. However, if your child worsens during the day, for example is blowing their nose frequently or becomes hot etc your child will be sent home.

Each class will ensure that work is placed on the Google Classroom. This will mirror the learning that is taking place in class. However, if your child is ill, there is no expectation that this work is completed. If your child is home because you are following the above guidelines or are self-isolating, then the work is available. This may be returned to school in a variety of ways: -

- directly through the Google Classroom for example by editing a Google Slide
- posting a photograph via the Google Classroom
- on A4 paper – this will be quarantined on return to school

We hope you appreciate that we have to work together to ultimately keep both children and staff well. If staff become ill, they will also not be allowed to come into school and therefore there might be occasions when we will ask classes to work at home using the Google Classroom. This is because we do not have enough staff to cover other classes within the current government guidelines.

Yours Sincerely,

C.E. Talbot

Mrs CE Talbot
Head Teacher

