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Dear Parents

SICK LEAVE FOR STUDENTS

Unfortunately there are currently tummy bugs and other contagious illnesses circulating throughout the school and general community.

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea (gastroenteritis), please keep them at home for **at least 48 hours** after their symptoms have ceased. This will benefit other students by limiting the spread of these viruses.

Students will be granted sick leave for the period of absence due to illness and cessation of symptoms.

Please read the information below, provided by the NSW Government:

What are viral gastroenteritis outbreaks?

A gastroenteritis outbreak occurs when two or more people have sudden onset of vomiting or diarrhoea at the same time in the same institution. In childcare centres and schools, you should suspect viral gastroenteritis if two or more children or staff have vomiting or diarrhoea within a two-day period.

Viral gastroenteritis is highly infectious and outbreaks are very common and can be difficult to control. Outbreaks often occur in institutional settings such as nursing homes, hospitals, child care centres and schools. There are several things you can do to help reduce the spread of infection.

Isolation and restriction

- Sick children and staff should be excluded from attending the facility for at least 48 hours after their symptoms have ceased.

Good hand hygiene is also vital in preventing the spread of infection. Please ensure your child is aware of effective handwashing procedures.

We appreciate your cooperation

Yours sincerely

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