



Dear Parents/Carers

Swine Flu

As you are probably aware, there are a rapidly increasing number of confirmed cases of Swine Flu in Southampton and indeed we know of 2 cases of pupils at Woodlands with this illness.

We have been advised by the Local Authority that as of last Thursday, the country has been moved from the 'containment' phase to the 'treatment' phase which means that it has been formally acknowledged that the virus can no longer be contained. This means that pupils are no more likely to come into contact with the virus at school than they are in the shops or whilst out with friends. If a doctor believes a person to be suffering from swine flu, they will no longer be tested, but will receive a voucher to collect anti-flu drugs. The guidance is that the illness is not serious and should be treated by staying at home and completing the course of drugs (which is a 5 day course). When the course of drugs is finished, and if there are no more symptoms, then pupils can return to school. If you have any particular concerns regarding the health of your child, then I would advise you to contact your doctor.

It is important at such times that routine continues as normal and therefore the school will remain open unless we do not have enough staff to ensure the health and safety of the pupils in the building. Currently no staff have been diagnosed with the flu and we intend to open as normal every day. Should the situation change I will contact you as a matter of urgency.

It is important that we keep accurate records of absence due to Swine Flu and I would therefore be very grateful if you could contact us to inform us if your child becomes ill and is receiving anti-flu drugs.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we break up for the summer holidays at 12.40 pm on Wednesday, July 22nd.

September 3rd is an INSET day and pupils will not be required to attend school. On September 4th the new Year 7 pupils will be in school at 8.30 am and ALL other pupils should arrive at 11.30 am.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher