



21<sup>st</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure

Further to the letter you received on Wednesday from the North East Health Protection Team, the number of children that are off school with flu like symptoms has risen from 43 to 100 over the week. Cleaning staff have carried out thorough cleaning each day to help prevent the spread of germs. It is the school's intention to try to break the cycle of illness spreading in school by carrying out a full deep clean of all areas tomorrow.

The Chair of Governors and I have taken the decision to close the school for 1 day with effect from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The decision to close, has not been taken lightly and as a school we have tried all measures to break the cycle of infection but have been left with no alternative as the health and safety of all is paramount.

We intend to reopen the school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November and request that any child who has sickness, diarrhoea or respiratory problems does not return to school until they are fully recovered.

The large number of children off school have a wide range of flu and flu-like virus symptoms including sickness and stomach upsets. The germs spread easily between children and staff via coughs and sneezes.

You can protect yourself and others from getting flu and other flu like viruses by washing your hands regularly with soap and warm water, sneezing and coughing into a tissue to trap germs and then putting it in to the bin and encouraging your child to do the same.

It is our hope that through trying to contain the spread of illness, we are able to prevent more children and adults from becoming seriously ill.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused. Thank you for your support in the matter.

Mrs S Atkinson  
Acting Headteacher