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Dear Parents/Carers,

At this time of year it is likely that there will be various viruses and illnesses circulating. We have previously sent out information to parents regarding Scarlet Fever and Strep A. This can be found on our website.

If your child is unwell or has a fever, our current school procedures are that they are kept off school until they feel better and the fever has resolved. If you are unsure of what constitutes a fever, then following link to the NHS page on high temperatures and fever in children may be useful - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children/> - As with any attendance matters, if you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact the school on for further guidance.

COVID-19 guidance for children has not changed recently. There is no recommendation in place for children to test for COVID-19, either on a regular basis or when they are presenting with symptoms. If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 and has a high temperature or does not feel well enough to go to school, your child should try to stay at home. They can come back to school when they feel better or do not have a high temperature. Whilst it is not recommended that children test for COVID-19, if they do have a positive COVID-19 test, they should try to stay at home for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.

In school we will reinforce key messages amongst children and young people, including the importance of hand and respiratory hygiene measures. Staff and students will be reminded regularly to catch coughs and sneezes in tissues - follow 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' and to avoid touching their face, eyes, nose or mouth with unclean hands. All individuals will have access to liquid soap, warm water, and paper towels. Staff will ensure (as far is reasonably practical) that students clean their hands regularly. Staff will remind students regularly to wash their hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap and the importance of proper drying. Alcohol hand gel may be used if hands are not visibly dirty. All individuals will be advised to clean their hands after using the toilet, before eating or handling food, after playtime and after touching animals. We ask for parents to support these messages at home.

Yours faithfully,

Helen O'Brien

CEO of Wickersley Partnership Trust