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Re: Autumn and Winter Illnesses

Dear families.

We have already had a lot of germs in school and some children have been feeling unwell with some nasty colds and coughs. In school, we teach the children the importance of good hand hygiene and other ways the spread of illnesses can be prevented.

I understand that it is sometimes difficult to determine whether your child is well enough for school. Of course, there are occasions where your child should stay at home but there are also lots of illnesses where children could and should still come to school.

The NHS provides a really useful guide about common illnesses, how to treat them and whether to send your child to school or not. The guide can be accessed here:

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

With your permission, school medical staff are able to administer medicines such as Calpol to help alleviate symptoms of certain illnesses.

Most of the time, it is best to send your child to school. We will of course keep a close eye on them and contact you if we feel they are too unwell to be at school.

Please have a careful look at the guide above and support your child's attendance to school by sending them in whenever possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Adam Potter Headteacher

