

BV/GSK

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are all well aware, Oakworth Primary had to close last Friday due to exceptionally high levels of illness across the school. I fully appreciate the disruption this will have caused you all and the decision to close was not taken lightly but the welfare of the children was paramount in pursuing this course of action. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your prompt action in collecting your child/ren and following a deep clean of the whole build, school will re-open as normal in the morning.

To prevent any re-infection of any kind, Public Health England advise the following:

Flu-like symptoms – people should be alert to the signs of flu which include a sudden onset of fever, cough as well as sore throat, aching muscles and joints. The best advice is to rest, keep warm and drink plenty of water. Any pupil with symptoms of flu-like illness must be kept off school. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, contact NHS 111 for advice.

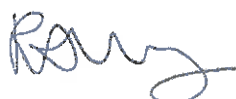
Anyone suffering with flu-like symptoms should catch coughs or sneezes in tissues and bin them immediately, wash their hands regularly with soap and warm water and frequently clean used surface to stop the spread of flu. Avoid having unnecessary contact with other people if you or they have symptoms of flu.

Diarrhoea and vomiting symptoms – diarrhoea has numerous causes but it is usually caused by an infection in the gut that can be easily passed to others by the mouth or when contaminated hands or objects are put in the mouth or after eating contaminated food or drinks.

The infection can also spread to other when the affected person vomits. This is because aerosols can spread the organism directly to others and contaminate the environment. A person will be infectious while symptoms remain. The best advice is to rest and drink plenty of water. Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should not return to school until **48 hours after symptoms have stopped**.

Again, many thanks for your co-operation and support of the school.

Yours sincerely



Miss B Vargassoff
Headteacher