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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

Re: Swine Flu

We are writing to let you know that a pupil in the school has been clinically diagnosed as having Swine Flu. The pupil is being treated and is recovering well.

The vast majority of swine flu cases in the UK have been mild and self-limiting and the infection is now widespread in many parts of the UK.

The school has taken advice from the Dorset and Somerset Health Protection Unit and NHSDorset/B&P. As swine flu is now circulating in the community, closing a school down would not prevent infection as people will still be exposed to the virus outside of the school setting. The school will therefore stay open as usual.

Advice is that if your child shows any signs of flu like symptoms with a high fever, aches and pains and a cough, cold or runny nose, please keep your child at home and contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or the Swine Flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If you are still concerned, please phone your GP surgery for advice.

If your child has a long term medical condition such as asthma or diabetes please mention this when ringing for advice as these conditions may make your child more vulnerable to the effects of flu.

An information sheet is attached (overleaf) about swine flu. Further information is also available on www.hpa.org.uk and www.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely

I C Carter
Headmaster

