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Dear Parents,

### **Sickness at school**

Today school attendance has been low (55%). This is because some parents have informed us that their child(ren) have been sick. In other cases it is because parents are concerned that their children may catch a sickness bug.

I have every sympathy with children and parents who have suffered with sickness. It is most unpleasant at any time, let alone coming up to Christmas. The following measures and facts may help set minds at rest:

1. Clearly if your child has a diarrhea and/or vomiting illness they should be kept at home. National guidance is for 48 hours. No parent has reported that their children have the Norovirus.
2. Today two children have been sent home and neither was actually suffering with sickness.
3. I have had discussion with Cambridgeshire County Council who do not expect school closure in these circumstances. They point out that we have a responsibility to stay open for those parents and children for whom work responsibilities and childcare are considerations.
4. I have had a discussion with Environmental Health, Fenland Council, who have advised us on general cleaning routines – we will certainly be taking extra care in this area.
5. School will be open for the last day of term as usual tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

A.C. Howe  
Headteacher