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Our ref:
Date: July 2009

Please reply to:
Telephone:
Email address:

Dear Parent/Carer

Swine Flu

The school that your child attends has been informed of a diagnosis of Swine Flu affecting a child. In line with Local Authority and NHS Wakefield District advice the school will continue to operate as normal and the child with Swine Flu is currently at home.

The school will continue with normal activities and the promotion of good hand and respiratory hygiene with staff and pupils. We ask that parents/carers support their child's school by taking the following actions:-

- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene by always carrying tissues, use clean tissues to cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, bin the tissues after use and wash hands with soap and hot water – Catch it, Bin it, Kill it.
- If your child has flu-like symptoms (fever, cough/shortness of breath, aching muscles, sore throat, sneezing, headache, malaise and/or chills) keep them home and contact their GP **by telephone**.
- If your child becomes unwell whilst at their school, the school will inform you immediately, please collect your child as soon as possible and contact their GP **by telephone**.
- Do not withdraw your child from their school unless they have flu-like symptoms. If children aged 5-16 are withdrawn from school without flu-like symptoms this will be dealt with as an unauthorised absence by the Local Authority.

If you have any questions or queries please refer these to your child's school. Further information regarding Swine Flu is available by telephoning 0800 1 513 513, www.nhs.uk and www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu.

Yours sincerely



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