

# Littledean Church of England Primary School

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*People with time for Children*

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Dear Parents,

## **Absence from School**

Since we returned to school following the Christmas holiday we have seen unprecedented levels of absence, and have also sent a number of unwell children home each day. Last week our average attendance had dropped to 87% and we had just 70% of the children in Holly Berries Class. Yesterday this dropped even further with 85% attendance and 6 children sent home during the day.

We have been told of varying symptoms:

- Vomiting
- Feeling sick
- Stomach cramps
- Headache
- High Temperature
- Cough
- Very tired
- Influenza (confirmed by the doctors)

We have discussed with the children good hygiene habits to help stop the spread of germs. Our cleaning team have been working really hard to ensure that the school is cleaned and sanitized each day. We have spoken to the Emergency Planning Team at Gloucestershire County Council to ensure that we are doing all we can.

We ask parents to ensure that children are kept at home if they are feeling unwell and to keep them at home until they are symptom free. If children have been vomiting they must stay away from school for at least 48 hours after the last episode. As usual please ring the office to let us know that your child is unwell.

Thank you for working with us to keep the school as germ free as possible. We will take into account the last few weeks when we present attendance awards and certificates at the end of the year. Should you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

Hayley McGoldrick  
Head Teacher

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