



# MANOR COURT Community Primary School

incorporating Manor Court Early Years Centre

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Dear parents and carers,

## **Reference: Sickness Bug at Manor Court Community Primary School and EYC**

We are writing to let you know that several children at Manor Court Community Primary school and EYC have had diarrhoea and vomiting over the last few days.

In the past we have been advised by the Southwest Health Protection Team (UKHSA) that this is generally a self-limiting illness probably caused by a virus. The most usual symptom is vomiting, a temperature, headache and some people may have diarrhoea and/or abdominal pain but symptoms rarely last for more than 24 – 48 hours. The incubation period (time it takes for the illness to develop) is between 12 and 48 hours.

**If your child is affected by any of the above symptoms, please keep them home from school and they should not return until 48 hours after diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped. Please do telephone the school office to confirm their absence and if your child is in the EYC send an Eylog or telephone the team to confirm their absence.**

The virus is easily spread from child to child and good hygiene by everyone in the family reduces the risk. This means **washing hands with soap and warm water after going to the toilet, and before preparing or eating food as a minimum.** At school, as during the covid pandemic, we are continuing to insist that all children wash their hands when leaving and entering the classrooms, after visiting the toilet and before eating. For the rest of this week, in the main school, we are not providing bagels to children as a snack at morning breaktime so please do provide a healthy morning snack for your child.

It is important to clean up carefully when someone has been sick as vomit is very infectious. It is important to clear up spills of vomit or faeces immediately, by thorough washing of the contaminated environment with detergent and hot water. For hard surfaces, (floor, work tops etc. an additional disinfection with a dilute solution of Milton or household bleach (according to manufacturer's instructions) will reduce the contamination. DO NOT MIX these substances with soap and water. Be sure that each family member uses separate towels and flannels which are changed and washed frequently.

**Staying home from Manor Court Community Primary and EYC until fully recovered for 48 hours and hand washing are the most important elements of reducing the risk of infection.**

As usual we are ensuring our school is thoroughly cleaned to reduce any further risk of transmission.

If you need any further advice, please contact NHS 111. For more information on symptoms and management of viral gastro-enteritis please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Yours sincerely,

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