



The Kings of Wessex School

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To all Parents/Carers

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that there has been a confirmed case of one student at The Kings of Wessex School contracting the swine flu virus.

The advice that we have received from Somerset County Council and Taunton and Somerset Health Protection Agency is that the School should remain open and that students should attend school as normal.

Year 10 students should attend school on Monday following their work experience.

Students and staff have been informed and have been told about what steps they can take to reduce the risk of catching or spreading flu. These include:-

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully followed by hand washing.
- Maintaining good basic hygiene. For example, washing your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face, or to other people. Anti bacterial jells may also be worth considering as an alternative to soap.
- Cleaning hard surfaces where there is regular physical contact, (e.g. kitchen worktops, door handles, tables, light switches, etc), frequently using a normal cleaning product.

If your child has flu-like symptoms, the following advice should be taken:

- Stay at home and rest.
- Take Paracetamol to relieve the symptoms (always following the instructions).
- *Children under 16 must not be given Aspirin or ready-made flu remedies containing Aspirin.*
- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Phone your GP or NHS Direct if the symptoms persist or if they develop complications, such as shortness of breath.

I trust that the above is helpful and please be assured that we are closely following the advice about hygiene here in school. Please check our website for any up-to-date information.

Yours sincerely,

CHRIS RICHARDSON
Headteacher

