20<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Sickness bug - important reminders for Year 6

Since the end of last week, in common with many other schools, we have had a few cases of pupil illness/sickness. Unfortunately, over the last 24 hours the number of cases seems to have increased. It would certainly appear that we have a sickness virus doing the rounds at the moment.

The children have been spoken to about this in assembly today with everyone reminded about the importance of good hand hygiene – hand washing or using sanitiser at regular intervals. We have also put some enhanced cleaning measures in place in school and removed some of the activity choices in Early Years which may be potential means of spreading possible infection.

Please can we also ask that you are vigilant to any signs of sickness, a sore stomach or diarrhoea. The updated guidance from the Health Protection Team is that children should not be in school until <u>at</u> <u>least 48 hours</u> after symptoms of vomiting or diarrhoea have stopped and they are well enough in themselves to return.

The timing of this in terms of the York residential visit next week is clearly a concern. If your child has sickness/diarrhoea etc over the weekend, then they should not be in school on Monday (at least) and this will mean they will be unable to take part in the visit to York. While this will be hugely disappointing for them (and you) if is important that this guidance is followed. The last thing we want is take the sickness bug with us to York and potentially spread it and spoil the visit for the whole class.

We very much hope that everyone will stay fit and healthy – but please let Mrs Stafford/Mrs Powells know via Seesaw at the weekend if your child is unwell.

Thank you as ever for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Beeston, Head Teacher

