

Innsworth Infant School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware there is a thread on social media which is causing concern amongst parents and wish to reassure you that the school is not at risk of closure due to a number of children being absent from school. Bouts of sickness and other cold/virus symptoms are common illnesses at this time of year, particularly in young children attending schools and nurseries. Other schools in Gloucestershire are also reporting similar types of absence. We do not have any staff members off with sickness.

We can confirm the recommended guidelines have been followed and the school has contacted Public Health England and the local Environmental Health Unit who are monitoring it. The advice received is for children with vomiting and/or diarrhoea should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. This will help to reduce the spread of infection amongst the children. We are ensuring the children keep to good regular handwashing and all areas are kept clean.

Please do not send your child to school if they have been sick. Most cases of vomiting in children get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, please consult your doctor. In line with our School Absence Policy please inform us by following the correct reporting procedures and contact the school on the day of absence preferably by 9.00 am either by telephoning the school office on 01452 730780 or email admin@innsworthinfant.gloucs.sch.uk please ensure you provide your child's name, class and reason for absence (i.e. symptoms).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa Jones'.

Lisa Jones
Executive Headteacher