



Leighton Park School



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To all Parents and Guardians

Dear Parents/Guardians

Swine Flu

At the end of last week a boarding pupil was tested for swine flu and subsequently this diagnosis has been confirmed. The pupil was isolated until he could be sent home. We now have two further suspected cases of boarders with swine flu. These students were kept isolated when symptoms developed and have been sent to guardians with treatment and are being kept in isolation. Pupils and staff who have been identified as having come into contact with the infected pupils have also been issued with anti-viral treatment as a precaution.

The advice from the Health Protection Agency is that pupils and staff who have not had direct and sustained contact with infected persons do not require any treatment.

If any pupil develops flu-like symptoms and a high temperature during school they will be isolated and our Health Centre staff will take the appropriate action. Day pupils who fall into this category will need to be collected from the school and Health Centre staff will contact parents concerned to make arrangements for this.

In the meantime, we have been advised by the Health Protection Agency that the school should remain open. We must reiterate the importance of keeping day pupils at home if they show any flu-like symptoms, in which case you should contact your own GP as soon as possible for advice. Boarders will continue to be monitored by the House Matrons.

The Health Protection Agency has advised us that they believe that attempts to contain the virus are now no longer practicable. Schools where cases have been confirmed are therefore remaining open, but pupils/staff with diagnosed swine flu have been isolated and given appropriate medical treatment. Advice and treatment are being reviewed on an on-going basis and we are following instructions from the Health Authority in our management of the situation in school.

Both the Athletics Championships this afternoon (Monday) and the Horizons Sixth Form programme (30th June – 2nd July) will be going ahead as planned.

We will, of course, inform you if there are any further significant developments. Please check the website for any updates.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

John Dunston
Head