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Dear Parent/Guardian

We have been advised by Public Health of an increase in outbreaks of the winter vomiting bug (norovirus). Should your daughter/son contract norovirus or gastroenteritis, the following guidance has been given to help stop the spread of norovirus:

- Once your daughter/son has been symptom-free for at least 48 hours, they are safe to return to school.
- Please encourage your daughter/son to wash their hands regularly with soap and warm water, especially after using the toilet and before eating or handling food.
- Washing hands is one of the best ways to protect yourself and others from illness. Only hand-washing will prevent the spread of norovirus – alcohol hand gels DON'T kill the virus.

Further information can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

Wishing you a healthy Christmas

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