



# St Barnabas CE First and Middle School

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Dear Parents / Carers

We would like to thank everyone for their continued cooperation regarding some seriously ill pupils in the school. Your assistance in informing us of contagious illnesses within your families has been invaluable and we are very grateful for your support in this matter.

Last week we were extremely lucky to host the launch of the 2019 Worcester City Runs where they announced the festival of running in Worcester, including the Worcester City Half Marathon. Joining the launch was the events official charity partner for 2019, the Grace Kelly Childhood Cancer Trust including Dr Jennifer Kelly who heads up the charity.

The Trust are working to raise awareness of childhood cancer and the signs and symptoms children and young people may present. They have rolled out an 'Awareness Card' with these early signs, which we are really pleased to be able to send home today, along with information about the charity trust. The card enclosed is designed at this size to make it possible for parents to insert it in the inner cover of their child's red health book so they can refer to it if needed.

We are now asking for your cooperation to continue as these children are still receiving treatment which significantly reduced immunity to infection. For this reason, we are resending the advice we have had, from the medical services, as a reminder of the precautions we can all take to reduce the risks for these vulnerable children.

The pupils in question are at serious risk if exposed to illnesses such as measles, chicken pox and shingles. The best way to protect against measles is for all pupils to be immunised against them. You can discuss immunisation with your GP if your child has not yet been vaccinated.

If you suspect your child has measles you should let us know immediately and take your child / seek advice from your GP.

Children in this vulnerable situation are also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within 3 days of contact. Please let us know immediately if you suspect your child has chicken pox. It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.

If your child has any infection / virus / flu, it would be wise to let us know.

**We'd also like to remind you that if your child has suffered from any sickness and/or diarrhoea, they are to remain at home for the next 48 hours.**

Your own child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation.

We continue to keep all our pupils safe and are always concerned for their well-being. We do however depend on the cooperation of all parents and know we can rely on your help and support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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