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Amendment to Exclusion Period Statement

Regarding Sickness & Diarrhoea

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Guidance from Public Health England, Essex Schools and The Health Protection Agency all state that children that have suffered a bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of either to prevent the spread of infection. Where a child has suffered from a bout of either, or both, it is imperative that this advice be followed to reduce the risk of a condition spreading.

However, we do recognise that there are many reasons why a child may suffer a single episode of sickness that are completely unconnected to any contagious condition. A compulsory exclusion period of 48 hours following a single occurrence can cause frustration to working parents and unnecessary missed learning for pupils.

The school would therefore like to offer parents the opportunity to use their own judgement where a child has suffered a single episode of either. All illness reasons provided are recorded on pupil's attendance records. This information may be used to help agree a sufficient exclusion period following illness.

Therefore, with immediate effect, where a parent provides acceptable reasoning behind an episode of sickness or diarrhoea, the school can, at their discretion, authorise a lesser 24-hour exclusion.

Agreed by Governing Body: December 2016

