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Dear Parents/Carers

The school has been made aware that one of our pupils has used the hydrotherapy pool and come to school whilst having cryptosporidiosis virus; which is a waterborne infection.

Cryptosporidiosis can cause severe watery diarrhoea and should be reported to your GP. If you are concerned in anyway about your child's health or watery diarrhoea please contact your GP immediately.

The school has a strict rule regarding sickness and diarrhoea, if you child suffers from either of these symptoms please could they remain away from school for 48 hours after their last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.

In addition the hydrotherapy pool will be closed for two week to allow it to be completely drain and thoroughly disinfected.

Cryptosporidiosis: guidance, data and analysis (taken from Gov.uk)
The characteristics, management and epidemiology of cryptosporidiosis.

Cryptosporidiosis is a disease usually caused by the parasites *Cryptosporidium hominis* and *C. parvum*. It is most commonly seen in children aged between 1 and 5 years. People with weak immune systems are likely to be more seriously affected. The most common symptom is mild to severe watery diarrhoea.

The parasites are resistant to chlorine. Outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis have been linked to drinking or swimming in contaminated water and contact with infected lambs and calves during visits to open farms.

Public Health England (PHE) provides advice on controlling outbreaks of cryptosporidiosis and monitors any outbreak to find the source of the infection.

Public Health England

Yours sincerely

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