



# St Dunstan's Catholic School

Drayton Road, King's Heath, Birmingham, B14 7LP



*As we Grow With God, We Learn From Each Other*

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately we have unusually high level of illness in school currently. Whilst we want to encourage all children to be in school every day, if your child has had **any** episodes of vomiting or diarrhoea, it is important that you allow **two clear days after the last episode**, before sending them back to school to prevent the infection spreading unnecessarily to other students or staff members in the school. If we feel your child has returned to school too early, we will contact you. [NHS Diarrhoea & Vomiting](#)

Children with mild respiratory illnesses should attend school. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a high temperature of 38°C or above. Please click on the following link to see current NHS guidance. [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#)

If your child develops symptoms of an illness at school, and we feel they are too unwell to stay, we will, of course, contact you.

Please ensure that the contact details we have for parents/carers are up to date and available to answer their telephone during school hours. Forms to update details are available from the school website ([Contact Numbers – Pupil](#)) or in the school foyer.

In all cases where your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please notify school using the School Gateway app before **8.50am each and every day your child is absent**. This will mean their absence is accounted for and the reason for absence you provide on the app will automatically link to their attendance record.

If you need to leave a message on the school answer machine, please ensure you provide the following information in your message:

- Your child's name
- His/her class
- Reason for absence
- Your relationship to the child

School Telephone Number: 0121 464 4648

If your child is unwell with a more serious infection and the absence lasts more than 3 days, or if the illness continues after the expected return to school date, school would expect an update. The office staff will chase parents who have not provided reasons for absence. If we do not receive an explanation, or if the explanation is unsatisfactory, **we will not authorise the absence**,

Yours sincerely,

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Mr M Tehan  
**Headteacher**