



**Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic
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Dear Parents

As you will be aware we are currently on a Phase 5 alert from the World Health Organisation for Swine Flu. This means that we as a school need to plan in case there is an outbreak in our area. The Government is currently keeping Local Authorities and schools informed and will provide advice on closure if the need should arise.

In the meantime we need to ensure that we have accurate and up to date contact numbers and addresses for all children in our School in case we need to make emergency contact due to illness. In the event that the School needs to close work will need to be sent directly home. This could be done electronically or via the post. As such please can you complete the attached contact form and return it to school by the end of the week; including an email address if you have one.

In School we will be discussing with the children the best way to stay healthy and avoid catching a cold. These are usually spread by contact and so precautions will include:

- regular and thorough washing of hands,
- drying of hands using paper towels which must be disposed of directly into the bin
- covering nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing and coughing and
- disposing of tissues appropriately.

We do not intend to alarm children merely guide their actions.

Further details about Swine Flu, the symptoms and the precautions which can be taken to prevent infection are available from: www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk.

We thank you for co-operation in our advance planning.

Mrs Sims