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Dear Parents,

You will all be aware that The World Health Organisation have logged the current outbreak of Mexican Swine Flu as level 5, just one step short of a pandemic. At this level of seriousness there are measures that we need to be aware of as individuals and as members of the school community.

Here at Crypt we have been following the procedures advised by the DCSF in the light of a potential pandemic. At this stage we are impressing upon all our students the need to follow simple health measures to help prevent the spread of disease. These are set out below :

Swine Flu Health measures to help prevent the spread of disease

General infection control practices and good respiratory hand hygiene can help to reduce transmission of all viruses, including the human swine influenza. This includes:

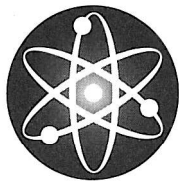
- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Maintaining good basic hygiene, for example washing hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (e.g. door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Making sure your children follow this advice.

We are reviewing the cleaning regime to help keep hard surfaces clean within school and to ensure proper disposal of waste.

We would ask parents who have been abroad recently, or might have been in contact with others who have visited the at-risk areas, to keep us informed, and to monitor any untoward symptoms. If your child develops flu-like symptoms please keep him or her at home. If they develop at school we will notify you as soon as possible, so he or she can go home.



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Health advice on symptoms is now widely available – notably from

Health Protection Agency

www.hpa.org.uk/infections/topics_az/influenza/default.htm

Department of Health

www.dh.gov.uk/pandemicflu

We are also putting in place contingency measures for the continuity of your child's education, in the event of a pandemic causing the school to close for a period of time. We will be working closely with the Local Authority and the DCSF to ensure the best provision for all our students, and with the Examination Boards to ensure the external examinations. There will be further communication with students and their parents on these arrangements in the days to come, but we will be using our electronic means of communication and work completion to best effect.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Headmaster

