



# Coastal Together

							
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Dear MIJS Parents

## Sickness Bug

Unfortunately, at MIS today we have had a number of children either being sick or who are absent from being sick over the weekend. We have also had a number of children who have been sent home as they were sick yesterday (Sunday) and had not completed their 48hrs 'clearance' absence. Almost to the day, this time last year, we had to [close the infant](#) school due to very high numbers of children absent with sickness AND stop a Nativity event for parents. We would like to try and control, as best we can, this small outbreak. Please could you make note of the following;

### What are we doing?

- Additional cleaning of classrooms and toilets throughout the day
- Deep cleaning of high use 'touch points' throughout the building
- Isolation of children who are feeling sick before notifying parents to pick up
- Deep clean at the end of the school day
- Insistence and checking that children have washed their hands after using the toilet and before eating.

### What can you do?

- If your child has been sick at home(or school) please ensure that they do not come back before the 48 hrs 'clearance' period is complete
- Normally, we wouldn't ask this but as there is a small outbreak at present, to keep your child at home if they are complaining of an upset tummy or feel sick before leaving for school - if nothing comes of the feeling, then send them back the following day.
- Remind your children of the need for good hand hygiene and perhaps practising the 'covid handwash' - singing happy birthday whilst washing hands

We are keeping our fingers crossed that this small outbreak doesn't not turn into something larger

Many thanks

**Simon Wakeman**

Executive Head