



Influenza Epidemics

In the event of a severe influenza epidemic or any form of infectious epidemic Gayhurst will take the following steps:

1. Take and heed advice from all the relevant authorities including; Buckinghamshire LEA, the DCSF, ISC, Medical Council and associated bodies.
2. In severe circumstances the Headmaster will make a decision in consultation with the Governing Body as to whether the school should close.
3. Take extra hygiene measures to ensure that children, staff and visitors to the school are exposed to as low a risk as possible. These measures will include:
 - i) Ensuring there are suitable supplies of tissues, surgical gloves, personal cleansing and equipment cleansing goods.
 - ii) Ensure that areas of potential contamination such as door handles, desks, etc are cleaned on a regular basis.
 - iii) Promoting the fact to pupils, staff and visitors that increased personal hygiene in the form of regular hand-washing, use of tissues and the disposal of tissues is essential.
 - iv) Ensure that any school groups undertaking trips away from the school site are adequately supplied with disinfectant hand-washing gel.
4. Ensure that any staff showing signs of infection go home.
5. Ensure that staff are aware that if they develop 'flu'-like symptoms (sudden onset of fever, headache, muscle pains and feeling ill with or without sore throat, cough, breathing difficulty) they should not come into work.
6. Ensure that all contact details for staff and parents are up to date and available if needed.
7. Ensure that a sick child is kept separately from other pupils until he or her is collected by the parents/guardians/carers and that the sick child has minimal contact with the staff. Children taken ill in the Junior School and Nursery would be brought to the main school office First Aid room.
8. Ensure that parents understand that if their child shows symptoms of infection they should not be brought to school.