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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have had an outbreak of a vomiting bug at school. While this has been most prominent in Year Three, we have had cases across school. We understand that this may cause concern and I wanted to update you on the steps we are taking to limit the spread and ensure the health and wellbeing of all our pupils and staff.

In response to the outbreak, we have taken the following precautions:

- Increased handwashing with soap and water across the school to reduce the risk of further transmission.
- Cancelled assembly for the time being.
- Limited the number of children in the hall at lunchtime to maintain a safer environment.
- Prevented staff working between year groups

Additionally, we have arranged for a team of external cleaners to carry out a thorough deep clean of the school after hours tomorrow to ensure all areas are sanitised and safe.

As a result of these cleaning arrangements, please note that **Out of School Club** will remain open tomorrow but will **close earlier** than usual at **17:15**. This is to allow adequate time for the hall, cloakroom and toilets to be cleaned.

We have also sought advice from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, who have recommended that 'any child who has had symptoms of sickness or diarrhoea should remain off school until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours'. This means that children who have been unwell today should not return to school until Monday.

We appreciate your understanding and support in following these guidelines to help prevent further spread of the illness. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We hope that everyone who is currently unwell feels better soon!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Routledge