



## Framlingham College

Dear Parents and Guardians

With many children returning to school having spent time overseas during the summer holidays we wish to reassure you that we are closely monitoring the developments nationally and internationally of the Swine Flu pandemic. In particular, we are taking seriously the concerns expressed by some medical experts that incidences will increase over the coming Autumn and Winter months.

General advice is that schools should build up sufficient stocks of appropriate cleaning materials and personal protective equipment to be used in the event of an outbreak at school, and this we have done. However, preventing the spread of such illnesses in the first place is of the greatest importance and for this reason we would ask that if any pupil develops flu-like symptoms whilst at home, or has had any symptoms in the previous 7 day period, that he/she does not return to school until cleared by a doctor to do so.

In line with other similar establishments, we do not have the isolation facilities to cope with significant outbreaks of this kind. Therefore, if a boarding pupil develops symptoms of the virus whilst at school, it is intended that they will be sent home to parents or guardians to recover and to avoid the risk of spreading the illness to other pupils. Overseas students will be expected to stay with their guardian. To help us prepare for this possibility, please would all parents of overseas students ensure that we have up to date details of a guardian residing in the UK. In exceptional circumstances we may be able to offer limited isolation facilities at the College.

Your understanding and co-operation with these measures would be most appreciated. With practical and effective precautions in place, if a student does contract the virus, we would aim to contain the problem and maintain a normal school timetable whilst avoiding a wider outbreak of swine flu at the school.

Please contact me if you require additional information on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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