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With God, all things are possible.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Re: Viral Gastroenteritis

We have identified that a number of children within St Margaret's Anfield CE Primary School are off ill at the present time with symptoms of vomiting and/or diarrhoea and fever. The symptoms are suggestive of viral gastroenteritis (also known as norovirus). The numbers are larger than would normally be expected, so after discussion with the Local Infection Control Team and Public Health England we are writing to inform you that school will be **closed on Tuesday and Wednesday this week** (3rd and 4th December 2019) in order to try to contain and reduce the amount of cases of pupils who are ill with this virus. During this time, the school will undergo an industrial deep clean.

If your child is affected with these symptoms we would like to reiterate to parents, carers and staff members that children should remain off school until they have been **symptom free for 48 hours**. This advice will be strictly adhered to for the general health and wellbeing of the whole school community.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation in this matter and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Information leaflets about viral gastroenteritis are available from the NHS choices website http://www.nhs.uk or the school office should parents/carers require further information.

School will re-open as usual on Thursday 5th December. Any dinner money or Breakfast Club money already paid for this week will be credited to your account unless you prefer a refund. In this case, please contact the school office.

My apologies once again for any inconvenience caused. I am sure you will agree that this decision, although a difficult one, has been made with the children's health and wellbeing as a priority. As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lesley Hughes
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