



# ST. ANDREW'S CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Unfortunately, we have had a group of children take ill throughout the evening yesterday with what we believe to be a norovirus sickness bug. Any parents of children who have been sick have been contacted directly by the staff on the residential.

Due to the rate that the sickness bug is spreading amongst the children, and the fact that a group of children are sick and need to come home, I have made the decision to ask the coach company to collect the children at 10am today instead of the planned 1pm collection. I have cancelled the morning activity which the children had planned. I understand that this may be upsetting to some children but please be assured that the children have taken part in lots of fun activities throughout the trip.

At all times, I will prioritise the safety of our pupils and although most children are well, the safety and wellbeing of the children who are sick must come first. I anticipate that the children will arrive back at school for 12.30pm although will keep parents updated with their estimated time of arrival once they start on their journey back.

I would appreciate any parents or carers collecting their child once they arrive back at school but completely understand that many will be working and so will not be able to collect until 3.30pm. If you have been contacted to say that your child has been sick, please ensure someone is here to collect them as soon as they arrive to avoid any bug spreading through the school and to help look after them. Staff will be around to supervise any children until 3.30pm and we will provide lunch for any children who remain in school.

Staff have stayed up throughout the night to look after any unwell children and so if you have any questions for our staff, please come to me directly and not the staff who have been away.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jocelyn