



**25 March 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Subject: Important Notice – Sickness Bug at Beacon Hill Academy**

We want to make you aware that a sickness bug appears to be circulating at Beacon Hill Academy. While these types of illnesses are common at this time of year, we want to reassure you that we are taking additional measures to minimise the impact and keep our school community as safe as possible.

We are working closely with Dudley Public Health and following all their recommendations and guidance to manage the situation effectively. We are also aware that other schools have been affected, and this is not an issue isolated to Beacon Hill Academy.

**Our Proactive Measures:**

To help reduce the spread of illness, we have implemented the following:

- **Enhanced Cleaning Protocols:** Our cleaning routines have been intensified, with a **deep cleaning schedule** now in place to ensure all areas are thoroughly sanitised.
- **Increased Cleaning Staff:** Additional cleaning staff have been brought in to regularly disinfect **high-touch surfaces**, including door handles, desks, and shared spaces, throughout the day.
- **Improved Hand Hygiene Measures:** Hand sanitisers are now available in key areas such as the **dining hall and outside toilets**, and learners are being actively encouraged to use them, particularly before eating.
- **Expanded Housekeeping Efforts:** Our housekeeping team has been **reinforced and upscaled** to maintain enhanced and deep cleaning efforts in the coming days.

**How You Can Help:**

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing good hygiene habits at home, including:

- Encouraging **regular handwashing** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using **hand sanitiser** when handwashing isn't possible.
- Covering the **mouth and nose** with a tissue or elbow when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoiding **sharing food, drinks, or personal items**.





## A Measured Approach

It is important that we take a **sensible and measured** approach. **Rumours on social media claiming that hundreds of learners have been sent home are false and unhelpful.** Please be assured that we are continuing to work with Dudley Public Health and are taking all appropriate and robust measures to keep both learners and staff safe.

If your child is feeling unwell, we ask that you follow the guidance outlined in the following link: [Factsheet](#), which is also available on our website. Please also ensure your child remains at home if they are experiencing any symptoms to help prevent further spread within the school community.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at [helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk](mailto:helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk).

I will continue to keep you updated via our new parent app, **'My Child at School'**.

Yours sincerely,

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