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Dear Parent/Guardian,

With the progression of the winter weather and viral illness season, we are sending this letter home to ask you, as responsible parents/guardians, to monitor your child for any fevers, vomiting, diarrhea, productive cough, or other signs of illnesses. If your child exhibits any of these signs, he/she should be seen by a medical professional for a proper diagnosis and plan of care. Your child needs to be kept out of school and treated until the symptoms resolve. If your child is diagnosed specifically with Influenza (the "Flu"), a medical note is required documenting the flu diagnosis and a timetable for remittance to school.

Your child may return to school only after being *symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medications*. This is vitally important to foster the health and wellness of the school community.

While there is currently no flu or viral illness outbreak in our schools, we do see an increase in the number of ill students during this time of year. Our school administrators are kept aware of any trends in febrile illnesses in the schools through communication with the medical team and the custodial staffs take extra precautions in cleaning and sanitizing the school environment as needed. Your assistance with monitoring your own child and having them treated properly for illness is crucial in maintaining the health of our school population. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy school environment.

Sincerely,

LIU 18 School Nurse