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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your understanding regarding the closure of school today. I have been in regular contact with Public Health and we are following their guidance.

With the continued increase in staff and pupils becoming ill and in order to ensure we have done all we can to try to prevent further spread, I have made the difficult decision to close the school to pupils again on Monday 9th December to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of all. This will enable us to continue to ensure all the resources and equipment are clean and ready to use and we have enough staff to ensure the safe reopening of the school on Tuesday.

Public Health advises that if your child is unwell with a temperature, flu-like symptoms including respiratory difficulties or sickness and/or diarrhoea, they do not attend school.

Can I remind you that for pupils and staff who have been unwell, remain off school until at least 48 hours after the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea and that they are not sent back to school sooner than this.

If your child has become unwell today or becomes unwell over the weekend, can I ask that you contact the school office to inform us of this, so we are able to keep a record of the number of cases to share with public health. You can contact the office over the weekend on info@orchard.sandwell.sch.uk

I apologise for any inconvenience this causes but as I am sure you agree the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff is paramount.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Hopewell

Headteacher

