

PC/am

Thursday 16th July 2009

Dear Parent / Guardian

I felt it appropriate to keep you up to date concerning the incidence of the H1N1 virus at FCC. The current situation is as follows:

- As of Wednesday afternoon the college had 12 confirmed cases and another 13 possible cases. These figures include 3 staff. Everyone affected is at home. These figures, taken together, represent a tiny percentage of the college population.
- The advice from the relevant authorities is for the college to remain open. This would only change if the HPA decided that closing the college would reduce the risk of further infection or if there were insufficient staff to maintain a safe environment. This reflects the national shift from the containment phase to the treatment phase of the outbreak.
- The trip to the battlefields of Belgium will be going ahead as scheduled this weekend. Parents whose children are accompanying this trip have been sent a separate briefing letter.

If your child exhibits flu-like symptoms they should be kept at home and the relevant medical advice sought. All students must be reminded of the need for effective personal hygiene such as washing hands regularly and using a handkerchief or tissue when blowing their nose.

Please be assured we will continue to monitor the situation closely but the college continues to function as normal. Should the situation change I will inform parents immediately.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Cook
Headteacher