Dear Parents/Guardians,

We wish to notify you that there are a couple of students away with Whooping Cough.

Whooping Cough (or pertussis) is a disease caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria Bordetella pertussis.

Whooping Cough is spread by droplets from coughing or sneezing. If untreated, an infected person can spread it to other people for up to 3 weeks after the onset of a cough. Anyone can get Whooping Cough. Immunisation greatly reduces the risk of infection.

Parents of children who have not been vaccinated against this virus should keep a watch out for symptoms:

- Cold like symptoms, runny nose, tiredness and sometimes mild fever.
- Coughing then develops, in bouts, followed by a deep gasp or “whoop”.
- Some people vomit after coughing, it can be very serious in small children.
- It is less serious in older children and adults with bouts of coughing that may continue for many weeks.

Please contact the school for further information on 46282455. Thank you.

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