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Dear Parents

INFORMATION ABOUT "SWINE FLU" AT RBHS

We have today received several enquiries from parents about a current pupil supposedly diagnosed with swine flu. The purpose of this letter is to reassure you and to give you some relevant information which was provided to us by a medical doctor who examined the boy in question.

Firstly, there is no confirmed case of swine flu (H1N1) at RBHS. There have been cases of influenza, but the health authorities have stopped the individual laboratory confirmation of H1N1. All cases of confirmed swine flu in South Africa have been uncomplicated and of limited duration, and most have been treated at home.

Should your son develop flu-like symptoms (eg high fever, sore throat, runny nose, cough, stiffness in the joints) please consult a doctor, who is likely to prescribe suitable medication and home isolation for 7 days after the onset of symptoms. This treatment is in accordance with the guidelines of the NICD (National Institute for Communicable Diseases).

There is no need for parents to keep boys out of school "in case they get swine flu", nor is there any need for boys who have been in contact with someone who has flu to take any prophylactics.

We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and keep you informed should the situation change.

Yours sincerely

M BARKER
HEADMASTER