

The following is an extract of advice to schools from the Surrey LEA, issued on July 3rd 2009. There will be further updates, posted on the website, later in the Summer.

“It has become apparent over the last few weeks that swine flu – so far, at least – is no worse than ordinary seasonal flu. There is, therefore, no need to be particularly alarmed about it, or to take any steps that would not normally be taken during the routine, Winter, influenza season. We are therefore recommending that we act almost exactly as if seasonal flu were circulating.

*“Parents of any other pupils who have flu-like symptoms **MUST KEEP THEM AT HOME**. These pupils may have swine flu and, if they have symptoms, they are likely to be infectious. Sending them to school would risk their infecting others. Ideally they should keep their contact with others to a minimum until 7 days from the onset of their symptoms. If:*

- 1. you are concerned about the state of their health;*
- 2. the pupil is more ill than you would normally expect with flu; or*
- 3. anybody in the household is in an ‘at risk’ group,*

please contact your GP, who may consider advising antiviral treatment.

Otherwise, treat as you normally would, e.g. with paracetamol etc.”