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Dear Primary Parents,

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) and Herpangina

I am writing to inform you that due to a number of HFMD and Herpangina cases and advice from the Public Health Centre, we are required to close class 3T for the remainder of this week. Students in 3T will return to school on Monday, 24 March.

Advice for other Parents:

Children in all other classes and Year Groups can come to school as normal, as long as they are well.

Symptoms for HFMD/ Herpangina are:

- High temperature
 - Rashes or blisters on the hands, feet or in and around the mouth
 - Sore throat
 - Feeling unwell
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- If HFMD/ Herpangina is suspected, then please seek medical advice and keep your child at home. Children who have been diagnosed **should not return to school for a period of 7 days** from the onset of symptoms and then with a doctor's certificate confirming their fitness to return. Please advise Khun Joe, our Head Nurse if your child is diagnosed with HFMD/ Herpangina even though they are not in school.
 - The school nurses are systematically and regularly screening children for symptoms of HFMD/ Herpangina and this will continue.
 - Increased hygiene and disinfection measures are being adhered to.
 - We are continuing to encourage the children to wash hands frequently and cover their noses when sneezing and coughing. We are asking parents to reinforce this at home also.

Thank you for your attention and support at this time. If you have any medical queries, please contact Khun Joe on kiau@patana.ac.th

Yours sincerely

Sarah McCormack
Principal, Primary School