



26th June 2017

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have included the information below in the Root and copy it again here:

Open water swimming in rivers and streams can increase the risk of gastrointestinal infections (diarrhoea and/or vomiting) as well as respiratory, skin, ear and eye infections, severe headaches, and muscle pain.

Most symptoms of these illnesses will generally be mild, caused by organisms such as norovirus, giardia and cryptosporidium; however in some cases Leptospirosis or Weil's disease can be passed onto an open water swimmer. Without treatment, organ failure can occur.

We have been asked to inform you in addition that any parents with ill students should go to their GP with a sample (for them to send it away).

We have also been advised that any student who was ill should be 48 hours clear to stop the spread of infection, as this is extremely contagious.

Best advice to our students this summer is to find a swimming pool and be safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S King