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To all Parents / Guardians of the Pupils and the Staff of Newmilns Primary School and Early Childhood Centre Gilfoot, Newmilns, KA16 9LP	Date Our Ref Enquiries to Direct line Email	21 st March 2019 FMcK/ SP/ BC Fiona McKinnon/ Susan Pye/ Billy Cullinane 01292 885858 HPteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk
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Dear Parents / Guardians and Staff

I am writing to let you know we have been informed that some of the pupils at the school have been ill with gastrointestinal symptoms (sickness, diarrhoea and sometimes stomach pain etc) this week.

A likely cause of these symptoms is a viral infection. Viral infections can spread very easily. Normally symptoms are short-lived and affected individuals recover within 24-48 hours or so.

If your child has developed symptoms and these symptoms are not settling, are very severe or if there is blood in the stool, please contact your GP Surgery. Please take this letter with you to any appointment you are given with either your GP or NHS24.

Careful hand washing before eating or preparing food and after being at the toilet is very important to limit the risk of spread. In addition, any person, teacher or pupil, who has symptoms should stay off school or go home. They should not return to the school until they have had **no** symptoms for a period of 48 hours.

I trust you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elvira Garcia', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Dr Elvira Garcia
Consultant in Public Health Medicine

