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Dear Families,

Our apologies that this letter is so late in the day, but the federation has had no access to internet, network or phones since this morning.

We apologise that so many parents have been upset today about social media messages regarding the federation's pool and illnesses. For those who have come into school today to talk to us, we thank you for taking the time to do so.

Glandular Fever cannot be caught from the swimming pool and is not bacterial but viral. Please see the NHS link below for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/glandular-fever/> As you will see, an individual can be infectious for up to 7 weeks before getting symptoms.

The pool at the federation is kept to extremely high standards with several checks each day, and a monthly inspection from Hampshire County Council; we are praised by the council for having exceptionally high standards.

Families should never be worried about coming in to talk to us at any stage regardless how small they feel their worry may be. Sharing concerns with the federation rather than on social media prevents parents from becoming upset, which is what has happened today about suggestions that all illnesses are coming from our pool. The Leadership Team would never put our children at risk.

Kind regards
The Leadership Team



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