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NOTICE TO PARENTS Re: Whooping Cough

Dear Parents,

A member of the **Glenmore Park High School community** has recently been diagnosed with WHOOPING COUGH (pertussis). Whooping cough is a disease which can spread easily from person to person. In order to prevent your child and other children from catching whooping cough the Public Health Unit would like to inform you that:

1. Full immunisation is the best protection against whooping cough. However, even children who are fully vaccinated can develop whooping cough.
2. If your child has any of the early symptoms of whooping cough, such as a cold or dry cough, then please consult your doctor as soon as possible, and take this letter with you.
3. Your doctor can arrange testing and a course of antibiotic treatment. Antibiotics are effective in reducing symptoms and further spread of whooping cough if commenced within 3 weeks of symptom onset.

Please keep your child at home until they have completed at least five days of the course of antibiotic treatment, or until your doctor advises that they are no longer infectious.

A whooping cough fact sheet can be downloaded from the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html>.

Please do not hesitate to contact a Communicable Diseases Officer at the Public Health Unit (telephone: 02 4734 2022) if you require further information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Carey', written in a cursive style.

Yours Sincerely
Dr Victor Carey
Director Public Health

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