

Statement

Date: June 19 2009

NHS Warwickshire said: “A pupil in Year 8 at Bilton Grange School has tested positive for swine flu making this the first confirmed case in Warwickshire.

“The pupil is receiving a course of antiviral medication and is responding well to treatment at home.

“A careful assessment of risk has been conducted, taking into full account the fact that many pupils are boarders and, that in the last few days, a number of pupils have stayed at home feeling poorly - or have reported at school feeling unwell.

“After discussions between the Health Protection Agency, NHS Warwickshire and the school’s head teacher it was agreed to close the school for one week from Thursday night (June 18).

“It was also decided that Year 8 pupils would return to the school this morning (June 19) to receive antiviral medication.

“While the school is closed, any further cases of flu-like illness will be dealt with by the individual’s GP.

“NHS Warwickshire has in place robust plans to tackle swine flu. We are continuing to work with our partners to slow the spread of the disease and to put in place arrangements to ensure that it is well-placed to deal with this infection.”

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