

To the Principal of each
School in the Board's area.

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Dear Principal

SWINE INFLUENZA ALERT - UPDATE

You will be aware of the present concern regarding the Swine Influenza outbreak and the potential for human infection. The World Health Organisation has recently increased the Pandemic Flu alert to Level 5. Although there are no reported cases of Swine Influenza in Northern Ireland, the Board wishes to re-assure schools that it recognises the importance of prevention being the best course of action and that it is preparing for any changes to the current situation.

The Board has been working closely with the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety and the Department of Education in developing their existing contingency plans to deal with any outbreak. In the meantime, schools should use this time to prepare for any possible outbreak.

The Board has prepared a checklist to assist schools in preparing for any possible effects. It will help schools to focus on key areas which will be required in the event of the school being affected by the outbreak.

If you require any assistance or guidance on any matter pertaining to the Swine Influenza outbreak you can access the NEELB website – www.neelb.org.uk or ring the NEELB Health & Safety Officer on 028 2563 5152.

Yours sincerely



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