



CHILD ILLNESS POLICY

The following guidelines have been produced in discussion with the School Nurse.

Any child suffering from a doubtful rash, raised temperature, sore throat, discharge from the eyes or nose should be kept at home until they feel well enough to return to school.

If you are unsure we suggest contacting your GP Surgery or NHS Direct for further advice. (www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk or telephone 0845 46 47). On the rare occasion children need medication during the school day a written parental consent form needs to be completed (available from the school office).

If, in the opinion of the Head Teacher, a child is too sick to attend school, the school reserves the right to refuse to accept that child. The school also reserves the right to remove a child to hospital in the event of an emergency. Should a child become sick at school, every effort will be made to contact the parents.

If your child is too ill to attend school, you should contact school by **9.15am at the latest** on the first day of absence and on subsequent days thereafter. This is to maximise security and safety measures.

**TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION OF INFECTION
TO OTHER CHILDREN AND STAFF, THE FOLLOWING
GUIDELINES ARE SUGGESTED**

DISEASE/ILLNESS	MINIMAL EXCLUSION PERIOD
Chickenpox & Shingles	5 days after appearance of the last crop of spots and the vesicles are crusted over
Conjunctivitis	A child should stay away until treated and/or eye(s) appear normal again
Diarrhoea & Vomiting	Until there has been no diarrhoea or vomiting for 48 hours
German Measles (Rubella) or Measles	5 days from onset of rash and until child feels well
Headlice	No period of exclusion Helpful to let school know
Impetigo	Once the spots have crusted or healed and the child feels well
Mumps	5 days from onset of swollen glands and child feels well
Scabies	Child can return to school day after treated
Scarlet Fever	When child feels well, usually after about 5 days
Threadworm	Child may return day after treatment
Verruca	Child <u>does not need</u> to stay away from school and can go swimming if verucca is covered with a waterproof plaster
Whooping Cough	5 days from commencing antibiotics or 21 days without treatment

If in any doubt professional medical advice should be sought

REFERENCES

Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Nurseries.
Department of Health. P.O. Box 777, London, SE1 6XH

Infections in Children Fact Sheets. March 2003
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