

Infectious Illnesses and time away from school



To keep all the pupils as healthy as possible we cannot accept children with the following: sickness and/or diarrhoea, high temperature, discharge from the eyes or ears, an unexplained rash, head lice or those who are feeling unwell needing one to one care. Pupils should be kept away from School for 24 hours from the last symptom

If your child has any other conditions or illnesses please inform us and we will let you know the Health Authority guidelines

Recommended Period of time away from School following illness

Allergies – None
Chicken Pox - Fully recovered
Common Cold Class - Teachers discretion
Ear Infection – 48 Hours*
Eczema – None
Eye Disorders - 48 Hours*
Gastro-Enteritis - 72 Hours
Glandular Fever – At Doctors Discretion
Hand/Foot/Mouth - Fully recovered
Head Lice - 24 Hours
Herpes Simplex - Fully recovered
Impetigo - Fully recovered
Measles - Fully recovered
Meningitis – Fully recovered
Mumps - Fully recovered
Ringworm – Fully recovered
Rubella - Fully recovered
Scabies - Fully recovered
Scarlet Fever - Fully recovered
Sickness/Diarrhoea - Symptom Free
Slap Cheek –Symptom Free
Streptococcal infection (respiratory) and Scarlet Fever* - Fully recovered
Temperatures – Fully recovered
Thrush (Oral) - 24 Hours*
Tonsillitis – 24 Hours
Whooping Cough - Fully recovered
* The stated time after receiving antibiotics
Where the above illness state ‘Fully Recovered’ this means they can return to School when the Principal is satisfied there will be no risk of infection, or you present a note from your GP to the same effect

The school requests that parents/guardians refrain from sending their children to school if they are ill. The school will contact parents, or another adult designated by the parent, if a child becomes ill whilst at school. It is not the school’s policy to keep students at school if they are unwell.

Parents are requested to advise the school if their child contracts or comes into contact with any of the following. Under the Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations Act 1988 the school must notify the local authority of this to aid detection of possible outbreaks and epidemics:

Acute encephalitis , Acute poliomyelitis, Anthrax, Cholera, Diphtheria, Dysentery, Food poisoning, Leprosy, Leptospirosis, Malaria, Meningitis, *Meningococcal Pneumococcal* Meningococcal septicaemia (without meningitis), Ophthalmia neonatorum, Paratyphoid fever, Plague, Rabies, Relapsing fever, Smallpox, Tetanus, Tuberculosis, Typhoid fever, Typhus fever, Viral haemorrhagic fever, Viral hepatitis, *Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C*, Yellow fever