

# Child Sickness and Accident Policy Document



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All children suffer childhood illnesses from time to time. The following guidelines indicate when a child can return to school after an illness.

<b>Sickness &amp; Diarrhoea</b>	Children should be kept off school for 48 hours from the last occurrence of sickness or diarrhoea.
<b>Conjunctivitis</b>	Once treatment has started and there is no stickiness on the eyes.
<b>Chickenpox</b>	When the last spot has dried up.
<b>High Temperature</b>	Do not send your child in with a high fever even after administering medication.
<b>Headlice</b>	Please ensure your child has been treated and has no live lice.
<b>Impetigo</b>	48 hours after treatment and no weeping.
<b>Ringworm</b>	Once cream has been applied, a child may return to school. The cream should be brought to the office for application at lunchtime.

### **Procedures if a child becomes ill at school**

If a child becomes ill at school and has to leave due to illness, you may need to do one of two things before they can return to school.

- 1) Take your child to the doctor AND bring information from the doctor stating what date your child will be cleared, (when they are no longer contagious to other children & adults).
- 2) Bring the authorised prescriptive medication from the doctor with written instructions on the dose & duration, OR over the counter medication to make the non-contagious illness symptoms go away. A medication permission form must be completed before a member of staff may give your child any medication.

If your child's doctor believes your child has allergies, medication should be provided to alleviate the nasal discharge, chest congestion, and/or coughing unless the doctor feels the child does not need medicine.

Illness at school that may cause you immediately to have to take your child to the doctor may include, but is not limited to:

- 1) A fever over 100.9F (will need to see doctor to make sure child doesn't have an ear infection or contagious flu/cold).
- 2) Any type of rash or questionable bumps, and/or red spots (need to go to doctor to determine which rash child has and proper quarantine time to prevent spread of infection).

3) Green/Yellow/Brown Mucus coming out of the nose, mouth, or eyes (will need 24hrs of antibiotic for nose/mouth or 24hrs of antibiotic eye drops for conjunctivitis/pink eye drainage before return to school).

4) Uncontrollable coughing with or without congestion (will need appropriate medication or cough syrup to make the coughing stop).

5) Loose stool or diarrhoea more than once in a day (child will not be allowed back to school until they have gone 48hrs without diarrhoea).

6) Vomiting or stomach flu of any kind (child will not be allowed back to school until they have gone 48hrs without vomiting).

Please do not bring your child to school if they exhibit any of these symptoms. If you bring your child with these symptoms you will be called and asked to keep your child home until the symptoms are no longer present. If your child is sick, and you plan to stay home, please remember to call our automated Absence Line (01268 242510) Please remember these policies are set in place to PROTECT the overall health of all of the children and families in our school. If you bring your child to school sick you risk infecting not only the teachers that provide care for your child, but also the other children in our program, as well as their mother's and father's and siblings, possibly making them miss work and or school.

If a child has a fall at school resulting in a cut or graze the wound will be cleaned and dressed as necessary and an entry made in the accident book kept in the child's classroom.

If a child has an accident resulting in a serious head injury the first aider will telephone the parents immediately, a cold compress will be applied to help reduce any swelling, and a note made in the accident book. If a child reports a bump to their head and nothing is visible the member of staff responsible for first aid will use their judgment to decide if a telephone call to parents is necessary or whether the monitoring of the child, by classroom staff, for a period of time should take place. During the monitoring period if there is any significant change in the child (sleepiness, distress etc.,) parents will be contacted immediately. In all instances of head injury a note will be made in the accident book and wrist-band given to the child to alert the parents when the child arrives home.

If an accident to a child is deemed extremely serious e.g. suspected broken bone, serious head injury or unconsciousness an ambulance and the child's parents will be called immediately. A member of staff will accompany the child to the hospital and wait until the parent arrives to take over.

## **Safeguarding**

Please inform the school if your child suffers an injury whilst at home.