

HEALTH POLICY

(INCLUDING COMMON ILLNESSES)



Childhood illnesses infections and infestations can spread rapidly amongst both the children and staff in any school. Parents should keep an unwell child at home, especially if the condition is likely to be infectious. Often a child may appear well enough to come to school but will feel worse once away from the comforts of home and parents.

Please inform the school of the nature of any illness or condition (for example head lice) so that other parents can be alerted if necessary.

If a child becomes unwell during the course of the day the parent or carer will be contacted and if necessary be asked to collect the child. Any child who is obviously unwell at the start of the session should not be brought to school.

If we cannot contact the parent in the case of a child who is ill or infectious, we will use the emergency contact details to inform the designated adult that the child is not well.

In the case of food poisoning or a notifiable disease as identified by the Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and Nurseries, the Principals will inform OFSTED with regard to any action or advice given by the Health Protection Agency.

Exclusions for common illnesses:

- **Tummy Upsets/ Winter Stomach Virus**
Please exclude for 48 hours after any attack of sickness or diarrhoea.
- **Conjunctivitis**
Please exclude for 48 hours after treatment has started or eyes are clear from infection.
- **Sore throats and temperatures**
Please exclude for 24 hours after temperature has returned to normal.
- **Head Lice**
Please do not bring your child to school until after you have treated them with an appropriate medication.

For all other infections or conditions please consult a member of staff who will be able to advise you.

