



## **Attendance Guidance for Parents**

We would like to thank parents and carers for their support with attendance. We understand that sometimes it can be difficult for parents to know whether their child should be kept off school when they are ill. It is hoped that the following guidance issued by the Public Health Agency may help you in making decisions as to whether your child attends school or remains at home.

**Please note that the school requires parents/carers to call the school on the morning of **each day** that their child is absent. Please note a valid reason is required in order to authorise absences *i.e. poorly or ill is insufficient*. More detail such as been sick, or has a temperature, is required.**

**Unfortunately, if contact has not been made, or an insufficient reason has been provided e.g. feeling unwell or athlete's foot, it will be marked as unauthorised. Where the school is concerned about any period of absence, medical evidence will be required and failure to provide this may result in a fixed penalty notice.**

### **Recommended period to stay away from school for the following:**

#### **No Absence Required (therefore this will be unauthorised by the school)**

- athlete's foot
- cold sores
- ringworm
- thread worms
- warts and verruca
- head lice
- eczema
- conjunctivitis
- impetigo (if crusted/healed or can be covered)
- slap cheek if the rash has developed (please inform the school due to risk of pregnant staff/visitors/parents)

#### **No Absence Required**

Guidelines suggest that no absence is required, however if your child is particularly unwell, this may be authorised with consultation with the school.

- tonsillitis
- hand, foot and mouth

#### **24 Hours Absence**

- a single bout of diarrhoea
- a single bout of vomiting
- scarlet fever (24 hours after commencing anti-biotic treatment)

#### **48 Hours Absence**

- more than one bout of vomiting/diarrhoea (from last episode)
- a single bout or more of sickness **and** diarrhoea together (from last episode)



### **Other Absences**

- headache (medicine can be brought into the school office by an adult)
- cold or cough (medicine can be brought into the school office by an adult)
- stomach pains (medicine can be brought into the school office by an adult)
- general aches and pains (medicine can be brought into the school office by an adult)
- shingles (until recovered)
- flu (until recovered)
- glandular fever (until recovered)
- impetigo (if an anti-biotic is required – 48 hours after commencing treatment)
- measles – 4 days from onset of rash (please inform the school due to the risk of pregnant staff/visitors/parents)
- chicken pox - 5 days from onset of rash (please contact the school to inform due to risk of pregnant staff/visitors)
- whooping cough – 5 days from commencement of anti-biotic treatment
- mumps – 5 days from onset of swelling
- german measles - 6 days from onset of rash (please contact the school to inform due to risk of pregnant staff/visitors)

Children with medical conditions for which the school have been notified will be reviewed separately.

Please feel free to contact the office to discuss any concerns or worries regarding attendance.

Thank you for your continued support.