Brimpton Church of England
Primary School

CHILD ILLNESS POLICY

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It is always difficult as a parent to know when your child should be off school, keeping the school safe and your child safe. This is Brimpton's policy for all parents

Condition	How long should the child stay off school?	What To Do & Advice
Minor Cough, sore throat and common cold	Your child can go to school but if they have a fever they must stay home until the fever has gone.	Make sure they wash their hands regularly and throw used tissues in the bin.
Chicken Pox	At least 5 days or until rash is dry and crusted over	Be aware it can spread to those who have never had chicken pox from the fluid in blisters
Cold Sore	Not necessary	Encourage them not to touch the blister, kiss anyone or share items such as cups and towels
Conjunctivitis	Monitor at home for 24hrs when likely to be most aggravated to help reduce spread	Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and wash their hands regularly
Ear Infection Earache	Until they are feeling better, or if they have had a fever and once it has gone	
Food Poisoning Diarrhoea Vomiting Rotavirus	Until 48 hours after diarrhoea and vomiting has stopped and they feel well enough. In some cases, more time may be required due to de-hydration and tiredness	Encourage good hygiene and plenty of fluids
Glandular Fever	Once they feel well enough to return	Encourage good hand washing and hygiene
Hand Foot and Mouth	Once they feel well enough to return	Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly
Headlice	If your child is seen to have lice whilst in school, the parent will be asked to collect their child and treat as necessary.	
Impetigo	Until lesions are crusted or 48 hours after starting antibiotics	Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups. Clean any toy and play equipment
Flu	Once they feel well enough and their temperature has completely returned to normal	Remind your child to cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to throw

		the tissues in the bin. Ensure regular hand washing with soap and water. Immunise your child
Measles	4 days after start of rash. Very infectious, they must NOT attend school	Immunise your child
Mumps	5 days after onset of swelling	Encourage good hygiene. Immunise your child
Ringworm	Not necessary but does require treatment	Get treatment from a pharmacist, unless on scalp in which you will need to see a GP
Rubella (German Measles)	5 days from start of rash	Ensure no contact with any pregnant women. Immunise your child
Scabies	Until after treatment is carried out	Make sure second treatment (1 week after first) is not missed. All household contacts and any other very close contacts should have 1 treatment at the same time as the second treatment of the case.
Slapped Cheek Syndrome	Not necessary as no longer infectious once the rash occurs	If you suspect your child has slapped cheek take them to see a GP and let the school know if they have been diagnosed with it
Threadworm	Not necessary	Get treatment from a pharmacist. Encourage good hygiene
Whooping Cough	After 48 hours of antibiotic treatment and they feel well enough to return	Immunise your child