



SICK CHILD POLICY

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect everyone connected with this school to share this commitment.

We have a duty to ensure the health and well-being of all children in order for them to be successful learners in a learning environment that is clean, healthy and safe for everyone. Therefore, it is our responsibility to deal with all children who become sick at school in a kind and caring manner.

We believe that if a child is displaying signs of illness then a parent/carer has a duty not to send their child to school. Likewise school personnel have a duty to monitor the condition of any child who is thought to be unwell and to contact the parent/carer requesting the child should be taken home.

We are aware that all children are subject to coughs and colds at sometime and these should not prevent them from attending school. But we do ask parents/carers not to send their children to school if they are showing signs of vomiting, diarrhoea, any type of rash, flu, chicken-pox, mumps, measles or high temperature.

We recognise the importance of working closely with parents/carers and we believe we have good lines of communication in place. In order to ensure the health and well-being of all children everyone must be aware of their role and responsibilities when a child is displaying signs of illness.

We believe it is only correct for a child suffering from an infectious or contagious disease to be excluded from school until they are fully recovered. We have a duty of care for all pupils and school personnel and, therefore, we request parents to consult with their GP before their child returns to school and if need be we will seek advice from the Local Health Authority.

There are 3 reasons to keep a sick/ill child at home;

1. The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities.
2. The child requires more care than the school staff are able to provide without affecting the health and safety of the other children.
3. The illness is on the list of symptoms or illnesses for which exclusion is recommended. The following list gives guidelines and recommendations for exclusion from school due to illness.

For further & up-to-date information, see the document 'Guidance on Infection Control in schools and other childcare settings' published by Public Health England

<http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/guidance-infection-control-schools-and-other-childcare-settings-0>



Aims

- To have in place procedures to deal with all children who become ill at school.

Procedure

Role of the Local Governing Board	The LGB has: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to put into place procedures to ensure sick children are identified and are cared for appropriately;▪ nominated a link governor for Health & Safety to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the Headteacher and to report back to the LGB;▪ responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this policy
Role of the Headteacher	The Headteacher will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ protect the health and safety of children and school personnel at all times;▪ ensure procedures are in place and effectively implemented to deal with children taken ill at school;▪ ensure school personnel and parents are aware of this policy;▪ organise appropriate first aid training for all school personnel;▪ ensure that children's records and emergency contact numbers are kept up to date;▪ monitor the effectiveness of this policy
Role of School Personnel and/or School Nurse	School personnel will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ensure compliance with this policy;▪ receive training in first aid during their induction period and will attend periodic training to renew their first aid qualification;▪ monitor the condition of any child thought to be unwell in a kind and caring manner;▪ notify the school office of any child taken ill;▪ immediately contact the child's parents/carers of their concerns about the child's health;▪ ensure the comfort of an ill child by staying with them while awaiting the parents to arrive;▪ seek immediate medical advice if a child is in danger;▪ call for an ambulance if required;▪ immediately contact the child's parents;▪ escort a child to hospital in the absence of a child's parents;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ ensure records are kept of all children taken ill and sent home while at school;
Role of Parents	Parents/carers must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ be aware of this policy;▪ comply with this policy;▪ notify the school of any changes to their contact details;▪ co-operate with the school by keeping their child at home if they are unwell or showing any signs of vomiting, diarrhoea or any type of illness identified on the list of symptoms or illnesses for which exclusion is recommended.▪ consult with their GP if their child is suffering from one of the communicable diseases;▪ inform the school if their child is not their normal self when brought to school but is not showing any signs of illness▪ inform the school if their child has a contagious condition
Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy	Annually the effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed, or when the need arises, and the necessary recommendations for improvement will be made to the governors.

Policy reviewed and approved March 24. Review due Spring 26.

Signed: **Date:**
(Headteacher)

Signed: **Date:**
(Chair of LGB)