



## **SICKNESS POLICY**

**The school has not got any facilities to look after children who are sick.**

**It is the responsibility of the parent / carer to collect their child promptly, if they are unwell during the school day.**

Following a hospital admission for surgery or illness, please check with the therapy / Medical team for advice, as some operations will need longer recovery periods than others.

Parents are asked to ensure the school has a contact number where they can be reached in emergencies.

### **Reasons children will be asked to be collected from school due to illness:**

- If a child has a temperature of 38 and above.
- If a child has a temperature below 38 or above 37.5 that has not responded to paracetamol. Paracetamol can only be given if the school has written permission from the parents/carers, and if the medication is prescribed and in it's original container, with prescription label.
- Children who have colds which are obviously 'streaming' and they look unwell and are unable to participate in lessons.
- Children who have diarrhoea and vomiting. Parents are asked to keep their child home until 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Children will not be able to swim for the 2 weeks following this episode.
- During the first 48 hours of antibiotic treatment. A form will be sent home for parents to sign before antibiotics can be given in school.
- If a child has an infection which can spread easily – e.g. impetigo.
- Post op anaesthetic or sedation e.g. dental extraction, day case; your child needs to stay at home for 24hours.
- If a child's asthma is flaring up and they are not responding to their inhalers.
- If a child has had seizure activity near to the end of a school day and staff have given rescue medication.

**NB.** Medicines that parents request to be given in school must be prescribed by a doctor, and arrive in the original bottle/package.

The following must be clearly visible:

- The child's name
- The dose to be given
- Expiry or dispensed date.

A form will be sent home to parents/carers to sign giving permission for the medicine to be given in school.