

Principle

This policy is aimed to give guidance to Parents/Guardians and Staff with the aim of keeping all members of our school community safe and well.

Illnesses

1. High Temperature

If a child has a suspected temperature, a temperature of 38 degree Celsius or higher is considered high.

Children should not be sent to school.

If the children attends school with a suspected temperature, parents guardians will be asked to collect their child.

2. Vomiting/ Diarrhoea

If a child is vomiting or has diarrhoea, he/she is considered too unwell to attend school.

Parents are asked to keep their child at home until 48 hours clear of the vomiting or diarrhoea. If a child has a medical condition for eg IBS , the school will take advice from the G.P.

3. Infectious Illness

For a list of common infectious disease, their symptoms and exclusion period please refer to the Management of Infectious Diseases in a Childcare Facility/School. www.hpsc.ie/A-Z/LifeStages/Childcare/

When can my child return to school?

Please see table below on when children can return to school

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL/ CHILDCARE?

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Chicken Pox When scabs are dry	Conjunctivitis No need to stay out*	Diarrhoea or Vomiting 48 hours after the last episode	Flu 5 days after start of illness	Glandular Fever No need to stay out*
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay out*	Head Lice No need to stay out*	Impetigo When scabs are dry or 24 hours after starting antibiotics	Measles 4 days after rash appears	Mumps 5 days after swelling appears
Scabies After first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after starting antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay out*	Threadworms No need to stay out*	Whooping Cough 5 days after starting antibiotics or 21 days after start of illness

This information is based on the Management of Infectious Diseases in Schools guidance document.

*No need to stay out if child is well but school or childcare provider should be informed.

Ratification and Review

The Board of Management, in consultation with Staff ratified this in November 2021 and will review the effectiveness of this policy annually or as required.