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Dear Parents/Carers

## CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES

We are often asked how long children should be kept at home after they have been suffering from various childhood illnesses. Below we have listed some of the more common ones and our policy on each exclusion period/return to school. We hope that you find this information useful

COVID	If tested positive we advise that children remain home for at least 3 days and return to school if feeling well
CHICKEN POX	Return to school 5 days after the onset of rash as long as all spots are crusted over
SCARLET FEVER	Return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics
CONJUNCTIVITIS	Return to school 24 hours after starting medication
HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH	Children should be kept away until the spots have gone from their hands. (This is not the same as the cattle disease)
HEAD LICE	We recommend that your child's hair is checked weekly using a fine tooth comb and that children with long hair have it tied back
IMPETIGO	Return to school after 48 hours of antibiotics as long as lesions are Crusted over and healed
SICKNESS AND/ OR DIARRHOEA	Return to school 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea
SLAP CHEEK	Until child has recovered, as once the rash has appeared they are no longer infectious. If a woman develops the disease early in pregnancy, it may occasionally lead to a miscarriage. Pregnant women should consult with their GP's.
TAPE/THREAD WORMS	Seek advice from GP

Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child is suffering from any contagious disease so that we can take steps to prevent the spread of any infections.

All illness should be reported to the school office before 9.00am daily.