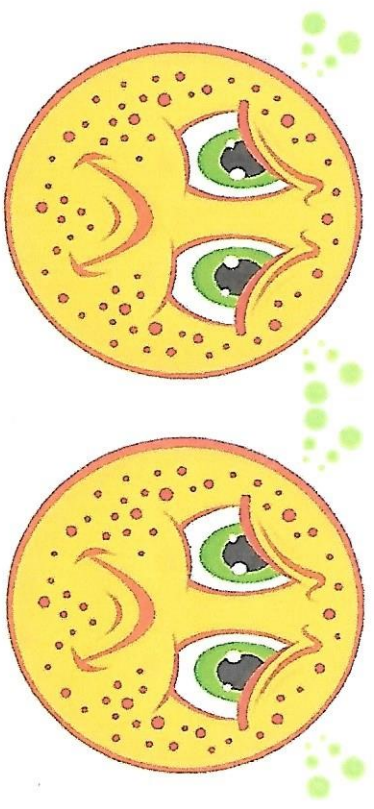


Happiness is nothing more than good health and a bad memory - Albert Schweitzer

Illness Policy



ILLNESS POLICY

Any child with an infectious illness is to be excluded from school. Should your child need prescribed medication, we ask that a Medical Consent form be signed. Should your child become ill during school hours with a possible infectious illness, we will have to isolate them from the other children until you can arrange for them to be collected. All parents will be informed if there is an infectious illness at school i.e. chicken pox etc.

Should an emergency occur, either an ambulance will be called or we will take your child to hospital. A doctor will be summoned if necessary. You will immediately be informed.

If you are aware that your child is not well, please do not administer medication to alleviate the symptoms i.e. Calpol, and then bring them to school. These medicines are effective in reducing childhood aches, pains and fevers for a limited time only. It does not cure the illness, just pacifies the symptoms.

Please ensure that you update the school at all times should any allergies occur in your child. Also very importantly should you have a change in contact numbers or Medical Aid please inform us immediately.

Attached is a copy of illness incubations and infectious time scales.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: *According to the National Health Department, schools may not administer any form of medication even with parental consent.*

WHEN INFECTIOUS ILLNESS OCCURS CHILDREN SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FOR THE PERIODS SHOWN.

Disease	Incubation (days)	Interval between onset of illness & appearance of rash	Period of exclusion
Chicken Pox	10-21	0-2	7 Days from rash
Dysentery	1-7	-	24hrs after cessation of diarrhoea
Food Poisoning	0-2	-	Until declared fit
German Measles	14-21	0-2	Until clinical recovery
Infective Jaundice	14-42	-	Until clinical recovery
Measles	7-21	3-5	Until clinical recovery & bacteriological exam is clear
Menigitis	2-10	-	Until disappearance of swelling
Mumps	12-28	-	Until clinical recovery
Scarlet Fever	2-5	1-2	Until clinical recovery
Whooping Cough	4-14	-	Until adequate treatment instituted
Scabies	14-28	-	Spots have healed unless lesions can be covered
Impetigo			Until treatment has been carried out successfully
Head Lice			Exclusion from barefoot activities until certifies free from infection
Verrucae			As above
Ringworm of feet			Until adequate treatment instituted provided lesions are covered.
General ringworm			Until adequate treatment instituted
Threadworm			Until fever relieved & child feels well
Fever above 40			Until drops take effect (minimum of 48hrs)
Conjunctivitis			Until child is clear of either of both for a 24hour period
Vomiting & Diarrhoea			Until child is clear for a 24hour period
Green Runny Nose			Until blisters have crusted over
Hand, foot & Mouth			

CONSENT FORM

Only medicine that has been prescribed by a doctor, will be administered. No medicine from the clinic or over the counter medicine will be administered.

A doctor's note, as well as the consent of both parents will be required, before any prescribed medicines will be administered at school.

Name of Child: _____				
Medicine	Dosage	Date	Time	Administered by
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Signature of Mother: _____

Signature of Father: _____