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Symptom	Advice
Does your child have a temperature? 37.8 degrees or above, feels hot to touch on their chest and back if you do not have a thermometer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child at home for a minimum of 48 hours Your child cannot return to school until a minimum of 48 hours clear of a temperature.
Diarrhoea and/or sickness?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child an episode of sickness or diarrhoea at school you will be contacted to collect your child immediately. Please keep your child at home until 48 hours have passed since the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea even if they appear better Your child should only return after this time has passed and when they feel well enough to do so
Suspected ear infection/urine infection/tonsillitis?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As all these illnesses are generally accompanied by a temperature, please follow guidance above for temperatures. Your child will need to be seen by a GP to confirm a diagnosis and to prescribe antibiotics if necessary. After this diagnosis and once 48 hours has passed since their temperature has returned to normal and they are well enough to do so, your child can return. If they return but are still feeling wiped out or unwell you will be asked to come and collect them.
Rash anywhere on face or body?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See a GP to have the rash diagnosed. (NOTE If this rash does not fade/disappear under the pressure of a clear drinking glass you must seek urgent medical advice by calling 999) If your child is feeling well and 48 hours have passed since the rash appeared and the GP has not been able to diagnose a specific illness your child may return. If your GP diagnoses a specific illness please follow the exclusion times for that illness Please note that if your child has an infectious rash they will need to stay at home until cream is being applied.
Impetigo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impetigo is very contagious and can spread to other people. Children can return to school either 48 hours after you start using the medicine prescribed by your GP or when the patches dry out and crust over (if you do not get treatment).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually



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Chicken Pox	<p>gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your child will need to stay away from school until all the spots have formed a scab. According to the NHS website this is usually 5 days after the spots have appeared.
Nits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.• Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.• There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.
Generally, under the weather or not themselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We know it is difficult for some of our pupils to let you know if they are not feeling well or are in pain but you may recognise it through their behaviour.• Keep your child at home if you think that is best• It is a parental choice if you bring or send them to school but please let us know your concerns and be prepared to have to come and collect them if it's felt that they are not coping.
Medical Appointment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If your child has an appointment in school time then please inform the office by phone or email• If the appointment is in school time then your child is expected to be in school before or after the appointment otherwise one session will be an unauthorised absence• If the appointment is a full day then please send a letter into school for your child's file.

You must inform school if your child is not going to attend school by calling the school office or completing an online absence form on school spider.

We do not take messages from PA's or taxi's.

All parent's/carers are asked to confirm emergency contacts that we keep on your child's file. These people must be prepared to collect your child if necessary when they are ill and need to go home.

We understand that it is not always easy to come to school in the event of illness but please be prepared to make alternative arrangements if necessary to collect your child if asked.