



## GUIDELINES ON ACUTE AND CHRONIC ILLNESS

In order that the school is consistent and the needs of your child are met, the following guidelines for parents have been drawn up relating to acute illness. An acute illness is an illness of recent onset and short duration with no side effects as a result of medication or diet.

1. **Children with diarrhoea & vomiting:**  
Children should not return to school until they are symptom free for 48 hours and the child feels well. Neither children nor adults should swim for two weeks after suffering with diarrhoea and vomiting.
2. **Chickenpox:**  
Children should not return to school until all the spots have crusted/scabbed over. Pregnant mothers who may have been exposed should contact their GP.
3. **Conjunctivitis:**  
Children do not need to stay away from school unless they are feeling particularly unwell. However, if there are a number of cases within school, you may be asked to keep your child at home until their infection has cleared up.
4. **Slapped Cheek Syndrome:**  
Children should not return to school until they feel better.
5. **Glandular Fever:**  
Children should not return to school until they feel better.
6. **Impetigo:**  
Children should not return to school until the lesions have dried up or treatment has been continuing for at least 48 hours.
7. **Measles:**  
Children should not return to school until 5 days after the onset of the rash and the child feels well. Pregnant mothers who may have been exposed should contact their GP.
8. **Mumps:**  
Children should not return to school until 5 days after the onset of swollen glands and the child feels well. Pregnant mothers who may have been exposed should contact their GP.
9. **German Measles (Rubella):**  
Children should not return to school until 6 days after the onset of a rash. Pregnant mothers who may have been exposed should contact their GP.
10. **Scabies:**  
Children should not return to school until after the first treatment has been completed.

Every effort is made to accommodate children with chronic illnesses in school and in order to help staff manage your child's condition please complete the management of medical conditions' form. This should be returned to school marked for the attention of the School Office. Parents should inform the school office if any of these details change significantly during the year.