



The Whartons Primary School

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Health Issues

When children first start school and mix with new friends they can become ill. We ask you to be considerate to the other children in the class. Germs and infections can easily spread among children.

We use our judgement when a child is ill at school and there may be occasions we have to contact you to take your child home, please ensure we have a list of contacts we can use should the occasion arise.

If your child is unwell, we ask that you let school know by telephoning the office in the morning of the days absence. If we do not have notification of an absence through sickness, we have to class that absence from school as unauthorised. A note or phone call avoids this.

If your child has an upset tummy, eg sickness or and diaphorrea we must insist that he/she stays away from school at least 48 hours after the last 'episode' of illness.

Impetigo- a common childhood skin infection – please keep the children at home until the lesions are crusted or healed, or until 48 hours from commencing antibiotic treatment.

Head Lice- many parents are upset if their child becomes infected, but it helps us at school if we are aware of the problem. Children do not need to stay at home if they have head lice.

The most effective way of preventing head lice is to comb the hair thoroughly every night. If your child does become infected the school and your local pharmacist will be happy to give advice. You do not need to buy lotions – combing and conditioner are the recommended treatments.

If your child has been prescribed medication and you are unable to come and administer the medicine yourself during the day, please leave it at the office where it can be kept safely. A Parental Consent Form would need to be filled out and signed to allow a member of staff to administer the medicine on your behalf.

