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### When Can Your Child Return to School After Illness?

Dear Parents /Carers

Please find attached a poster from Barnsley Council explaining when children can return to school after illness. If your child does not return after this period, any further days will be marked as unauthorised unless you have sought medical advice that can be used as evidence to show that they are still not fit to return to school.

e.g. If a child has diarrhoea and vomiting and do not return after 48hrs of initial contact with school, the office staff will require medical evidence that you have spoken to a doctor in order for following days to be authorised; as after 48 hours and a child still being unwell, it would be necessary to speak to a doctor to rule out a more serious illness.

After ten sessions (five days of unauthorised absence) parents will receive a letter inviting them to a meeting with our attendance team and educational welfare officer to discuss your child's attendance. If no improvement is then made, parents may be handed a Fixed Penalty Notice for Unauthorised Absence. In order to support parents with this, our office staff will inform parents when an illness is no longer authorised and remind parents of how many sessions they have had unauthorised.

Our attendance target for this academic year is 97%. **It was also 97% last year but as a school we only achieved 89.5%.** This is too low and our children deserve better. We need to work together to improve this. We hope you will continue to work with school in trying to achieve this target.

Yours sincerely

The Sandhill Primary Team

# When can my child return to school?

<b>Chicken Pox</b> 5 days from onset of rash and all the spots have crusted over	<b>Conjunctivitis</b> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Diarrhoea &amp; Vomiting</b> 48 hours from the last symptoms	<b>Glandular Fever</b> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Flu</b> When recovered *	<b>Scabies</b> After first treatment
<b>Hand, foot &amp; mouth</b> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Head Lice</b> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Impetigo</b> When lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after starting antibiotics	<b>Measles or German Measles</b> 4 days from onset of rash and recovered *	<b>Mumps</b> 5 days from onset of swelling *	<p>If you are worried please seek further advice from your GP or community pharmacist.</p> <p>*Vaccine preventable</p>
<b>Scarlet Fever</b> 24 hours after starting antibiotics	<b>Slapped Cheek</b> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Threadworms</b> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Tonsillitis</b> No need to stay off, but school or nursery should be informed	<b>Whooping Cough</b> 48 hours after starting antibiotics *	

Hand washing is one of the most important ways of controlling the spread of infections, especially those that cause diarrhoea and vomiting and respiratory disease. Liquid soap, warm water and paper towels are recommended.

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This information is based on health protection guidance from Public Health England on managing cases of infectious diseases in schools and other childcare settings. More information can be found at

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities)

