



# Yarrells School & Nursery

## SICKNESS POLICY

For the whole school, including the Early Years Foundation Stage

Policy Lead (Position (and Initials)): **Lead First Aider (TP)**

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*Yarrells Preparatory School recognises its responsibility to promote learning environment that is safe and healthy for all. In order to do so, for those who attend and work at Yarrells, this policy provides the guidance that follows.*

*The purpose of this policy is to:*

- ✓ *protect children and adults from preventable infection.*
- ✓ *enable staff and parents to be clear about the requirements and procedures when children are unwell.*

If a child is ill, the onus is on the parent/guardian to keep the child away from school. We realise that children's illnesses pose a particular problem for working parents but, when deciding whether a child is well enough to attend school; parents should consider the other children, their parents and the school staff. Some pupils or staff at school may have medical conditions that result in them being very susceptible to contagious diseases and they should be considered as well.

Coughs and colds do not normally require the child to be absent from school, but this depends on the severity and how the child is able to cope with the school routine. If parents consider that their child has not been his/her usual self at home but is not

If parents do bring children to school and teachers, feel that they are unfit for school, parents/carers/emergency contacts will be contacted and requested to come and collect their child and requested not to return him/her to school until he/she is symptom free. Any unwell child will be treated in a kind and caring manner in keeping with the ethos of the school. The child will remain with a first aid trained member of staff in either the sick room or a quiet area where possible until such time as an appropriate adult arrives to collect him/her from school. Heads of Department and school administrators will be informed of any sick children. While awaiting the arrival of parents, we will ensure the comfort of the child, taking appropriate action, which would include seeking medical advice if necessary. Any concerns about a child's health will always be reported to the parents/carers immediately. In the same way, Parents are responsible for keeping the school informed about their child's health. Should a member of staff consider an illness/situation to warrant immediate medical attention, they will call the First aid TA and Senior Leadership Team without delay, who will contact emergency services and notify the parent/carer accordingly. If a child is showing any symptoms of Coronavirus, the Covid-19 Action Flowchart will come into force. The following information and guidelines are in accordance with good practice, and are based on information provided by the Dorset Health Protection Unit and NHS Trust:

- ✓ The School must be notified as soon as parents are aware that their child has any kind of contagious illness.

- ✓ If a child begins to suffer from sickness and diarrhoea whilst at school, parents will be requested to collect their child and who should not return to school until they have had at least **48** hours clear of any symptoms.
- ✓ If a child's temperature rises significantly above normal (37°C) during the day, his/her parents will be requested to collect them. Any child with a high temperature should not return to school until a normal level has been maintained for 24 hours.
- ✓ In an emergency, a child will be taken to hospital in an ambulance, accompanied by a member of staff (usually First Aid TA), and his/her parents notified immediately by telephone.
- ✓ Parents of children on medication must complete an administration medicine form for their child, if medicine needs to be given at school.
- ✓ Long-term medicines (nebulisers, etc.) will preferably be administered by parents but the staff will administer on a daily basis and store safely away if required.
- ✓ Medication must be administered by a parent if possible but will be administered by a member of staff see Medication Policy.
- ✓ If the school notices any children with head lice their parents will be informed and asked to treat them as soon as possible.
- ✓ Children should not swim if they have verrucae that are not covered with a waterproof dressing; or threadworms; or if they have been advised not to by a doctor.
- ✓ There are some occasions when parents may feel a child is not well enough to swim, but is well enough to attend school. These should be rare occasions, as it is important that children attend swimming lessons and progress in this area. Children should only be kept off swimming if they are genuinely too unwell to swim.

## **Exclusion Periods**

Children must not attend school if they have certain infectious conditions.

*Please observe the exclusion periods given below if your child is unwell.*

<b>DISEASE/CONDITION</b>	<b>EXCLUSION PERIOD</b>
Chicken Pox	For 5 days from onset of rash.
Conjunctivitis	Not necessary once treatment has started
Coronavirus Symptoms	14 Day isolation period and seek advice from PHE High Fever, persistent cough, loss of taste /smell
Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting	Until symptoms have stopped for at least 48 hours.
Eczema	Not necessary unless infected.
Glandular Fever	Not necessary if well.
Hand, foot & mouth viral infection	Until well and blisters have faded.
Head lice	Not necessary once treated.
Impetigo	Until healed and no new blistering.
Measles	For 5 days from onset of rash or until well.
Mumps For	5 days following onset of swelling.
Parvovirus	Not necessary once well.
Psoriasis	Not necessary unless infected.
Ringworm	Not necessary once treatment has started.
Rubella (German Measles)	For 5 days from onset of rash.
Scarlet Fever	For 5 days after starting antibiotics.
Scabies	Not necessary once treatment has started.
Threadworm	Not necessary once treatment has started.
Verrucae	Not necessary, but lesions should be covered
Whooping Cough	For 5 days after starting antibiotics

**See also: Public Health England Guidance on infection control in schools and related Policies  
First Aid,Diabetes,Covid-19**