

# WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ILL

We follow guidance from the Health Protection Agency ;  
“Guidance on infection control in schools and  
other childcare settings”



**When children are unwell** the child must be without a high temperature for 24 hours **without the use** of Calpol / Disprol / Paracetamol before returning.

**When a child commences antibiotics for an infection, e.g. throat or chest**

They must be off school/nursery for **at least** the first **48 hours** after starting medication.

This is to ensure that the medicine has started working on the infection and they are well enough to come to school.



**When a child has diarrhoea or vomiting**

They must be off for **48 hours** after the last bout of diarrhoea and/or vomiting and then eating normally before returning to school.

**All rashes, chicken pox, shingles, measles etc to be reported to the class teacher**

If in doubt with a rash, keep child at home until diagnosis confirmed by your Doctor.



**Ensure school has an up to date contact phone number**  
There are no facilities for nursing a sick child in school. It is not fair on the child. Ensure mobile phones are **switched on** and checked periodically for missed calls.



**When your child is ill please telephone  
the School to let us know on 0151 677 9255**

# Ganneys Meadow Nursery School & Family Centre

After seeking advice from the Health Professionals team in the Centre the following guidelines have been drawn up to help staff make informed decisions on managing children who may become unwell in day-care.

**Information for parents:** We adhere to Ofsted regulations on staff to child ratios. **These ratios apply to children that are well.** *Children who are unwell need extra attention; often 1:1, which we cannot provide.*

Symptom	Other indications	Action
Diarrhoea with vomiting	High temperature. Obviously unwell; crying or lethargic. Diarrhoea has acrid smell	Contact parent and request that the child is taken home and seen by a medical practitioner. Child has to be kept away for <b>48 hours</b> from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea (as per guidance from the Health Protection Agency)
Diarrhoea	A second episode. High temperature. Obviously unwell; crying or lethargic. Diarrhoea has acrid smell	Contact parent and request that the child is taken home and seen by a medical practitioner. Child has to be kept away for <b>48 hours</b> from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea (as per guidance from the Health Protection Agency)
Vomiting	High temperature. Obviously unwell; crying or lethargic	Contact parent and request that the child is taken home and seen by a medical practitioner. Child has to be kept away for <b>48 hours</b> from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea (as per guidance from the Health Protection Agency)
Vomiting	A one off episode – child has brought back food or bottle. No other indicators: child is otherwise well	Clean child up. Monitor them. Advise parent by phone what has happened. Child does not need to be excluded unless other symptoms occur. See above
Child 'niggly' but <b>not</b> obviously unwell.	Raised temperature	We will ring you and advise you to come and take your child home to medicate there or make an appointment with your child's doctor. We do not give out medication.
Lethargic/ Crying. complaining of tummy pains	High temperature, refusing food, not joining in, obviously unwell, needs 1:1 attention	Contact parent and request that they be taken home. Child can return when they are well again.
Other rashes or infectious illnesses		Follow guidance issued by the Health Protection Agency <a href="http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/">http://www.hpa.org.uk/webc/HPAwebFile/</a>