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## Purpose of this policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines for parents about the time required off school for different illnesses that are contagious or infectious in the school and to stop the spread of them as quickly as possible.

At Estcots Primary school we have a duty of care to all of our pupils and need to ensure their health and well-being. This includes the need to ensure that the children in school are fit and well to attend and to be able to learn each day, to reduce the risk of spreading any infections to the other children and to the staff who teach and look after them.

We are led by Public Health England and The Health Protection Agency on guidelines for children's health issues and how we have to treat them in school. Please find below the rules that we (and ALL other schools in the Local Authority follow).

If you have any questions please contact the school office on 01342 327473 or office@estcots.co.uk. Alternatively the contact for the local Health Protection Unit (HPU) on 08458 942944.

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school you will need to call the school office on 01342 327473. There will an answering machine to take you message at any time. Please leave the flowing details:

- Your child's name
- Their class
- What is wrong with your child.

If your child will be off for a period of time due to a medical procedure or they are following the 48 hour rule then you will be able to also inform us of that so there will not be the need to call daily.

Alternatively, you can email the school office with this information – office@estcots.co.uk

| Illness | Period of time off school |
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| Diarrhoea and/or sickness | 48 hours from the LAST episode of diarrhoea or vomiting (the 48 hour rule applies) |
| 'Flu' (influenza) | Until recovered |
| Whooping cough | 5 days from commencing antibiotic treatment or 21 days from onset of the illness if no antibiotic treatment. |
| Chicken pox | 5 days from the onset of the rash.<br><br>The school needs to be aware as they can affect pregnancy and vulnerable children |
| Cold sores | None |

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| German measles | 5 days form the onset of the rash.<br><br>The school needs to be aware as they can affect pregnancy and vulnerable children |
| Hand, foot and mouth | None |
| Impetigo | Off school until the lesions are crusted and healed |
| Measles | 5 days from the onset of the rash.<br><br>The school needs to be aware as they can affect pregnancy and vulnerable children |
| Ringworm | Until treatment has commenced |
| Scabies | Return to school after the first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after commencing antibiotics/treatment |
| Slapped Cheek | None |
| Shingles | Off school if the rash is weeping and is unable to be covered.<br><br>The school needs to be aware as the can affect pregnancy and vulnerable children |
| Headlice | None – please treat appropriately |
| Mumps | None |
| Tonsillitis | None – please only attend school if feeling well enough to |

The school office have a comprehensive list of infections that affect school and will be happy to produce copies if you would like one or if you have questions about any particular infection.