

## Childhood Illness and Disease Policy

### PLEASE USE THIS POLICY ALONGSIDE OUR COVID-19 POLICY.

If your child is unwell, they must be kept at home at least until both parent and child feel lessons will not harm their health. If a child attends lessons and is deemed too poorly to participate by the teacher, the teacher will ask the parents/guardians to take the child home.

An 'outbreak' of any communicable is not necessarily a reflection of infection spreading just within the school, but also that of the community as a whole and is therefore, not that easy to prevent. Some communicable disease can be passed on before a person becomes unwell. Others can be transmitted by apparently well carriers of a disease. For these reasons, it is important that high standards of basic hygiene and cleanliness are always maintained.

Immunisation protects children and adults against illnesses, which can be life threatening and it is recommended every child, should be fully immunised unless s/he has a genuine medical contraindication to a vaccination.

We will not accept any child into class if they have any of the following:

Chicken Pox	The exclusion is for five to seven days from the onset of the rash, and when there are no new spots.
Conjunctivitis	Parents will be asked to collect their child and symptoms must be completely clear before returning to class.
Diarrhoea and/or Sickness	Must be free of symptoms for at least 48 hours.
Head Lice	Must be treated before return to class. Parents /carers will be informed headlice has been identified within the school.
Febrile Convulsions	Excluded until fever settled and child well.
Fifth Disease (Slap Cheek)	Excluded until child well.
Flu (Influenza), severe colds	Excluded until feeling better and cough
Coughs, throat	When infections improved.
German Measles (Rubella)	The exclusion period is for five days after the rash appears.
Glandular fever	Excluded until feeling better.
Hepatitis A	Excluded for at least five days from the onset of jaundice and when feeling better.
Impetigo	Parents will be asked to collect their child immediately and they must be completely free of symptoms for at least 24 hours. This is extremely infectious and treatment will be required from the GP.
Measles	The exclusion period is for five days after the rash appears.
Meningitis	May return once better.
Mumps	The exclusion period is for five days after the swelling appears.
Scabies	Highly infectious, the whole family must receive treatment from the GP. Must be completely free of symptoms before returning to class.
Thrush	Must be completely free of symptoms for at least 24 hours. This is extremely infectious and treatment will be required from the GP.

Rashes	If your child develops a rash you will be asked to collect them. You will need to confirm with your G.P. the cause of the rash before s/he can return to the school.
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Should your child display symptoms of any of the above during their time at Locomotion, you will be contacted and advised accordingly regarding collection.

Please inform us if your child has contracted any infectious illness so that other parents may be kept informed. Confidentiality is always maintained, and parents may be kept informed. If your child is taking antibiotics/medicines s/he must remain at home for 24 hours in case of allergic reaction and parents/carers should note that allergic reactions can occur at any time, and not just the first time the antibiotics/medicine is taken. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE: STAFF WILL ONLY ADMINISTER PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

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