



# St Nicholas CE Primary School

## Sick Child Procedures

At St Nicholas CE Primary School, we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and we expect everyone connected with this school to share this commitment.

We have a duty to ensure the health and well-being of all children in order for them to be successful learners in a learning environment that is clean, healthy and safe for everyone. Therefore, it is our responsibility to deal with all children who become sick at school in a kind and caring manner.

We believe that if a child is displaying signs of illness then a parent/carers has a duty not to send their child to school. Likewise, school staff have a duty to assess the condition of any child who is thought to be unwell and to contact the parent/carers informing them that the child should be collected and taken home.

We are aware that all children are subject to coughs and colds at some time and these should not prevent them from attending school. But we do ask parents/carers not to send their children to school if they are showing signs of vomiting, diarrhoea, any type of rash, flu, chicken-pox, mumps, measles or high temperature.

We recognise the importance of working closely with parents/carers and we believe we have good lines of communication in place. In order to ensure the health and well-being of all children, everyone must be aware of their role and responsibilities when a child is displaying signs of illness.

We believe it is only correct for a child suffering from an infectious or contagious disease to be excluded from school until they are fully recovered. We have a duty of care for all pupils and school staff and, therefore, we request parents to consult with their GP before their child returns to school and if need be, we will seek advice from the Local Health Authority.

The school follows UKHSA guidance 'Health protection in education and childcare settings' and the recommended exclusion periods for specific infectious diseases detailed in this guidance. In the event of an outbreak the school will review and reinforce existing baseline infection prevention and control measures.

### Aims

- To have in place procedures to deal with all children who become ill at school.

### Procedure

<b>Procedure Sick Child Role of the Governing Body</b>	<p>The GB has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to put into place procedures to ensure sick children are identified and are cared for appropriately;</li><li>• nominated a link governor to visit the school regularly, to liaise with the Headteacher and to report back to the GB;</li><li>• responsibility for the effective implementation, monitoring and evaluation of this procedure</li></ul>
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<b>Role of the Headteacher</b>	<p>The Headteacher will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• protect the health and safety of children and school staff at all times;</li> <li>• ensure procedures are in place and effectively implemented to deal with children taken ill at school;</li> <li>• ensure school staff and parents are aware of this procedure;</li> <li>• organise first aid training for all school staff;</li> <li>• ensure that children's records and emergency contact numbers are kept up to date;</li> <li>• monitor the effectiveness of this procedure</li> </ul>
<b>Role of School Personnel</b>	<p>School staff will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensure compliance with this procedure</li> <li>• receive training in first aid at their induction and will attend periodic training to renew their first aid qualification;</li> <li>• assess the condition of any child thought to be unwell in a kind and caring manner;</li> <li>• notify the school office of any child taken ill;</li> <li>• Immediately contact the child's parents/carers of their concerns about the child's health;</li> <li>• ensure the comfort of an ill child by staying with them while waiting for the parents to arrive;</li> <li>• seek immediate medical advice if a child is in danger;</li> <li>• call for an ambulance;</li> <li>• immediately contact the child's parents;</li> <li>• escort a child to hospital in the absence of a child's parents;</li> <li>• ensure records are kept of all children taken ill and sent home while at school</li> <li>• follow guidelines published by NHS for infection control.</li> </ul>
<b>Role of Parents</b>	<p>Parents/carers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be aware of this procedure;</li> <li>• comply with this procedure;</li> <li>• notify the school of any changes to their contact details;</li> <li>• co-operate with the school by keeping their child at home if they are unwell or showing any signs of <b>vomiting, diarrhoea (48-hour Rule), any type of rash, flu, chickenpox, mumps, measles or high temperature;</b>  <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/">https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/</a></li> <li>• Make arrangements for their child to be collected from school as soon as possible</li> <li>• consult with their GP if their child is suffering from one of the communicable diseases;</li> <li>• inform the school if their child is not their normal self when brought to school but is not showing any signs of illness</li> <li>• If you have received advice from a medical professional regarding your child's health, please share this information with the school to enable staff to provide the appropriate care</li> </ul>

## Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Procedure

The effectiveness of this procedure will be subject to review as and when the need arises, following a review any necessary recommendations for any amendments or updates will be made.