

ESTCOTS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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.

Illness	Period of time off school
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. The school needs to be aware as they can affect pregnancy and vulnerable children
Cold sores	None
German measles	5 days from the onset of the rash. 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. 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. 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.